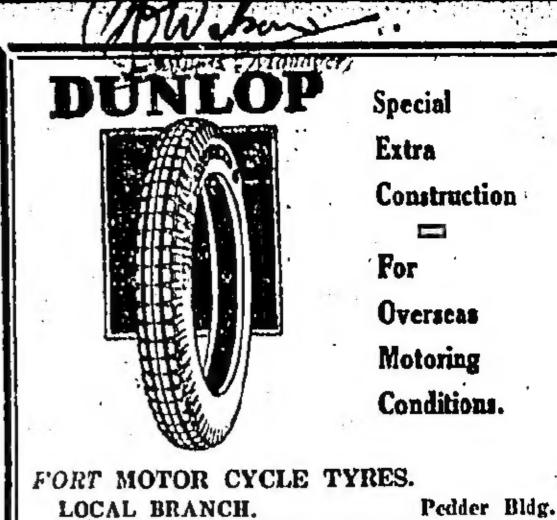
JONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong.)

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1931.

1846

PRICE \$3.00 Per Month.



## HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS

WHEELING!

No. 27,772

### SATISFACTORY YEAR

SHAREHOLDER'S PLEA FOR A STABLE CURRENCY.

### SERVICES' POPULARITY

Mention of a share issue that will make available a further twenty lacs for development of the company's properties was made by Mr. J. H. Taggart, who took the chair at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., this morning.

Mr. Taggart also referred to the benefits derived by the sale of the Majestic Hotel property in Shanghai. He was of opinion that although working profits showed a decrease, the year's business had been quite satisfactory in view of the unparalleled trade and exchange conditions.

The Company's buses had been kept at a high stage of efficiency and were increasingly popular. The question of the use of Diesel oil engines on the buses was under consideration.

### LEGAL EXPENSES \$27,000

Financial Items.

Maintenance Charges.

You will note that the expendi-

The Chairman also referred in financial year, for the purchasers' passing to an item for over decision relative to the closing \$27,000, "legal and other ex-down of the residential portion of penses" in connection with the the establishment had an adverse Court action over the refrigerat- influence upon bookings retroing plant at the Peninsula Hotel, spectively from the beginning of fer to again later. He added that the matter was the year. . settled out of Court after a three Turning to the debit side of weeks' hearing, which necessitat- the profit and loss account, you ed heavy payments to expert wit- will notice, on making comparinesses and others.

Mr. J. E. Joseph; in the course of the previous financial year, of seconding the motion, made that "Rent, Rates, Taxes and parison with the figures of the prean urgent plea for a more stable Licences" show an increase of ceding year. currency in Hong Kong. He \$26,882. This increase is due deprecated the indiscriminate mainly to the imposition of a tax speculation that put the local ex- on the seating capacity of our

### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

report and accounts, Mr. Taggart ancy of the establishment dur- tion of the Company's holding of said:-You will observe from a ing practically the whole of the shares in the Grand Hotel des perusal of the credit side of the first quarter of 1930. profit and loss account that the balance of the working account, The item of "Bank Interest" cent. of that Company's issued amounted to \$1,296,439.35 against you will note is reduced by capital. \$1,358,969.16 for the preceding \$109,415, this being consequen. The Hotel operated by the Grand year. Although a decrease of tial upon the reduction of the Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., \$62,529 is thus displayed, this re- Company's indebtedness made situate, as you know, in the Legasult should not, in the circum- capable by the receipt of the tion Quarter of Peking, has, over stances, be regarded as unsatis- funds representing the purchase the past few years, had to contend factory.

Last year's result has been ob- perty. tained in spite of the adverse. You will observe that the item attaching to a building of more trend in exchange during the "Audit, Accountancy and Legal modern construction, and, moremajor portion of the year, with Fees" is increased by \$27,965, over, the volume of tourist busiconsequential increased cost of This increase is brought about by ness fell far short of reasonable imported comestibles, beverages, the payment of legal, etc., fees in- expectation, due to the long prefuel, etc. Moreover, the drastic curred by the Company in con- vailing unsettled political situadepreciation of the local currency testing the action brought tion in the North. inflicted considerable increases in against us by the firm who in- The somewhat small operative our operating costs in every de- stalled the refrigeration plant at profits made over the, past four partment, and necessary replace- the Peninsula Hotel. and the general equipment of the Company certain moneys as be- your investment in that Company, enhanced cost.

### More Patronage.

In Hong Kong have experienced claim existed on their part in re- As a result rigid conservation of during the year an appreciable spect of faulty work. increase in patronage over that! This action was equitably set- by judicious investment of the surenjoyed last year, more particu- tled out of court after the trial plus funds it has been possible to · larly from transient guests. Our had been proceeding about three build up an Investment Fund of establishments in Shanghai, how- weeks, a course of action your satisfactory dimensions, and, in ever, were, during the earlier Board deemed it advisable to ac- this connection, you will be inportion of last year, in the mat- quiesce in, for the highly tech- terested to learn that the Grand ter of rates, placed in the position nical nature of the case involved Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., has of having to meet somewhat the retention of expensive ex- been enabled, at March 81 last, to severe competition, with the ad- perts as witnesses, and it was redeem the whole of its indebted-

Nevertheless, the progressive further lengthy trial, consider- Taels 231,900. effect of resistance resulted in a able additional legal expenses I think I may say without undue gratifying volume of patronage would have been involved, irre-optimism that the Company's imbeing experienced at the Com- coverable even in the event of the proved position as a result of being pany's two hotels in Shanghai, Company obtaining a verdict in relieved of all debt, aided by the leading to a satisfactory contri- the action, a state of affairs, greater volume of business now ing to report that returns from warrant. the northern port during the first quarter of the current year record further improved business ture for the year under the headover the corresponding period of ing of "Maintenance and Re-the Balance Sheet, you will note last year - tangible evidence of pairs" is down by \$43,433, vis a that "Depreciation Reserve" has the adherence of a clientele at vis the previous year. Whilst makyour establishments in Shanghai ing reference to this item sufficient to maintain a satisfac- would mention that expenditure The item "Loans secured by Morttory volume of business there. incurred in effecting modernisa-

the Majestic Hotel, although the cluded within the purview of the previous year, the reduction property was not handed over by capital expenditure, has been this Company to the purchaser written off out of revenue. Furuntil March 81, 1930, a diminu- thermore, in this connection, it purchase price of the Majestic tion in the earning capacity of was not considered expedient to Hotel property. that establishment was experi- encroach upon funds standing to enced during the first, and inci- the credit of the Repairs and \$138,191. dentally what we regard as the Renewals Account," and the sum most productive quarter of our of \$100,000, which was allocated

### 'PLANE ROCKET LAST A SUCCESS.

Glides Back to Earth.

WINGS UNFOLD.

Osnabrucck, Yesterday. Claimed by its inventor, an aero-

thereto from the profits of the preceding year, still remains to the credit of that account.

Depreciation Figures. under review has been provided Lasis. In this connection you will rency position .- Reuter. note that it has been considered expedient to withdraw the sum of \$200,000 from the "Depreciation Reserve," in order to maintain provision of depreciation on the basis of the standard set in past years in respect of the Company's various classes of assets, a matter to which I propose to re-

Coming to the assets side of the the Chinese who was knocked of the mishap. Balance Sheet, there is little call- down and killed by a private car ing for comment, for the depreciation written off the assets accounts sion with the figures in respect in most instances for the differences appearing when making com-

### Investments.

I would, however, remark upon changes in so precarious a state. buses, and to the inclusion of the one item appearing amongst the rental paid to the new owners of assets, namely, investments, which the Majestic Hotel, under the stand in the Balance Sheet at cost, terms of sale relating to that \$462,174.48. Of this figure In moving the adoption of the property, for the Company's ten- \$459,790.07 is the cost of acquisi-Wagons-Lits, Ltd., which holding represents approximately 90 per

> price of the Majestic Hotel pro- with competition from an establishment offering. the advantages

years, being insufficient to provide ments to plant and machinery, This firm claimed from the more than a nominal return on Hotels, were perforce effected at ing a balance due to them under have been utilised for the purpose their contract for the installation of depreciating the whole of the of the plant, whilst your Com- assets on a more liberal basis than The Company's establishments pany contended that a counter-the actual life thereof demands. cash resources has been made, and vent of a new hostelry in that considered that, if the case had ness to the holders of its Debenbeen carried to conclusion after ture issues, totalling Tientsin

this investment.

Morigage Loans. · Turning to the liabilities side of suffered reduction to the extent to which I have previously referred. gages" stands at \$4,800,149.81 on Majestic Hotel Sale. tion of certain equipment, which December 31, 1980, as against with regard to the disposal of strictly speaking could be in \$7,042,128.14 in the accounts for under this heading being effected as a result of the receipt of the

"Sundry Creditors" are less

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### PAYMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS.

in Commons.

### NEW RECRUITS.

London, Yesterday. ing point, a new rocket tried out replying, confirmed the state- nan Straits, here to-day reached a height of ment that Civil Servants recruit- According to first intimation rethe conversion rates.

change the coversion rates if pos- Haiphong. sible at present, but the matter would be reconsidered on the re-Depreciation for the period ceipt of the report of the Commission which had been sent to for upon our usual conservative Hong Kong to review the cur-

### COOLIE KILLED. FLYING CLUB OFFICIAL'S ACCIDENT.

It was learned this morning that

CONFUSION OF NAMES.

### MORE RAIN.

To-day's weather report, from the Royal Observatory, states:--

A depression covers China. Pressure is highest to the East of Japan. Local fortecast; Southerly winds; menterate; squally;

generally overcast; occasional Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. 0.16 inch. Rainfail since January 1-7.26 inches against an average of 8.60 inches-deficit 1.46 inch. · Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 a'clock was --

at 6 octock was:	
Hong Kong	78
Macao	76
Manila	79
Foochow	60
Amoy	65
Chefoo	42
Chefoo	62

at a hut at Tai Wan Village.

W. R. Hawes, described as ground pects of the proposed Customs iengineer at the Hong Kong Flying Union. Club. Yesterday's report gave the name as Mr. Howes, but apparently this was incorrect, Mr. Howes being the pilot-instructor at the

The accident occurred on the Sai Kung Road, near Sa Ti-nn Village, when the man was overtaken and knocked down by the

### STAMESE KING ILL. INDISPOSED ABOARD EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED.

Vancouver, Yesterday. The King of Siam is at present bution from that source to the which, in the opinion of your experienced at the Hotel in Peking, indisposed aboard the liner Emgeneral working account profits. Board, the monetary importance is such as to warrant anticipation press of Japan, according to a Coupled with this fact it is pleas- of the matter at issue did not of an early termination of the wireless despatch, and the Slamperiod of non-productiveness of ese Minister has cancelled the entertainments arranged for his arrival on April 17 .- Reuter.

### EXTRALITY ISSUE. NEGOTIATIONS SAID TO BE PROCEEDING.

MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, re- for them to appear. plying to-Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr. Government in regard to extrality fore the Currency Committee of frontier. were still proceeding. He was not 1980 or have been put forward as

### SALVAGE TUG TO RESCUE.

Reaches 6,000 Feet and H.K.'s Position Queried Mishap to the Steamer Limchow.

### PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF.

The salvage tug Henry Keswick The rate of payment of Civil left Hong Kong at 4 o'clock this nautical engineer, Reinhold Till- Servants in Hong Kong was rais- morning to go to the assistance of ing, to be "a real rocket 'plane," ed at question fime in the House the s.s. Limchow which is aground because it returns near its start- of Commons to-day. Dr. Shiels, near Pochim Pagoda in the Hai-

6,000 feet, where it automatically ed on a sterling basis were now ceived here by the Sing Kee Co., unfolded its two wings and glided paid on the basis of half at the the local agents of the Limehow, to earth undamaged. The rocket true and half at the artificial rate the grounding of the vessel occurwas propelled by gun powder, and of exchange, and now recruits red after a collision with the s.s. the inventor contemplates con- would be paid on the same basis, Canton (the Messageries Maristructing a man-carrying rocket .- but the latter are informed of times, local agents); but later news stated that the passengers of He added that in view of the the Limchow were taken off by serious financial position of Hong the s.s. Canton and the s.s. Kiang-Kong, the Government would not su and were being conveyed to

### Impact Not Serious.

This seems to indicate that the grounding of the Limchow occurred in an attempt to avert a collision with the Canton and that the impact between the ships, if there was one, could not have been severe as the Canton appears to be undamaged and was able to proceed to Haiphong with some of the Limchow's passengers. The Sing Kee Co. wirelessed last night for more information on this point, but no further news has so far come through from the scene

Both vessels, which were built in Germany, fly the French flag and are registered in Haiphong.

### Ex-German Vessels.

Lloyds' particulars of the ves sels are:-

Canton (ex Kong Ring, ex Condor), 1,627 (953 net) tonnage, built in 1915 by G. Seebeck Akt, Ges., Wesermunde, owned by the Cie Indo-Chinoise de Navigation. Steel screw steamer, length, 242.4; breadth, 36.0; depth, 18.7.

Limchow (ex Song Ma, ex Thekla Bohlen), 2,239 (1,416 net) tonnage, built in 1894 by Blohm and Voss, Hamburg, owned by J. Pannier & Co. Steel screw steamer, length 290.7; breadth, 38.1; depth, 23.7.

### CUSTOMS PACT.

### GERMAN MINISTER TO EXPLAIN MOTIVES.

CONCERTED ACTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The driver of the car was Mr. W. Graham, on the economic as- conversing.

A Geneva telegram to-night says that Dr. Curtius has intimated to the League Secretariat that he will tion when he said:explain the motives of the Austro-German agreement in the European Committee on May 15, in the discussion on the failure of the commercial Convention drafted by the Conference for concerted economic action in March last year.-British Wireless Servico.

### OUR CURRENCY. COMMISSION'S INVITATION FOR

INTERVIEWS.

### BEFORE END OF ABRIL.

Commission wish to make it "Viva el Rey." All were very dangerously replaced the goodinterview any persons who desire waved his hand, turned as he en- previously regarded the Civil to place their views before them, tered the lift, and said quietly: Guards. Excited people started at any time before April 30.

Persons who desire to avail themselves of this invitation are requested to send their names to | Queen Ena with her family ar- ostentatiously tearing off the Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Colonial rived by train here and was re- Royal crown from their uniforms. Secretary's Office, together with spectfully greeted throughout The rank and file followed suit a precis of the evidence which the route. There was some de- to the shricking joy of the bethey desire to tender and an in- lay, owing to an overheated axle holders. timation of the dates and times and the carriage had to be changon which it would be convenient ed.

yet in a position to make a state- witnesses by various public While Spain was holidaying the gagements." ment on the matter Reuter. | bodies in Hong Kong.

### LOST THE LOVE MY PEOPLE"

### RETIRES **ALFONSO**

THAT DISAFFECTION KING FEELS WILL NOT BE PERMANENT.

### MOVING SCENES

Moving scenes marked the departure of King Alfonso from his native country yesterday, when he was followed later by Queen Ena and the other members of the Royal family. "I renounce none of my rights," the King had declared in a manifesto prepared before leaving Madrid, and to his faithful followers he admitted that, although it was clear that he had lost the love of his people, he felt that by abdicating he was performing a duty dictated by love of country. He wished that other Spaniards might have as deep a comprehension of their duty as he.

### ALWAYS GENEROUS SPAIN

King Alfonso before leaving tenance of order, nominating Madrid says that the elections Ministers, and establishing clearly showed him that he had statutes for the Government, prolost the love of his people, but viding an amnesty and creating a conscience tells him that this dis- Ministry of Communications. affection will not be permanent, In a long apologia for its existbecause he always acted so as to ence, the Government declares serve Spain. Doubtless he erred that although it has full powers, sometimes, but Spain was always it is prepared to submit its actions generous to unwilful faults. He to the verdict of a constituent might have used various means Assembly, and recommends an to maintain the Royal preroga- enquiry into the events preceding tive to fight his adversaries effect the dissolution of Parliament in tively, but he resolutely wants to 1923, and subsequent happenings, eschew anything that might and the revision of official, civil, throw his countrymen into a and military organisations. It civil, fratricidal war.

### "Love of My Country."

power and depart from Spain, Delosrios as Minister of Justice. thus recognising that she is the sole mistress of her desthat other Spaniards may have all warships. their duty as I."

### Moving Scenes. Madrid, Yesterday.

from the Palace, which was ar- new regime. The native guard ranged very secretly, was most in the High Commissioner's Replying to a number of House affecting. While motor cars were office, mistaking the intentions of of Commons' questions on the pro- waiting and courtiers standing demonstrators holding a procesposed Austro-German Customs by a so-called "secret" door open- sion, fired, wounding eight per-Union, the Foreign Minister, Mr. ing on the Campo del Mora, King sons. in the New Territories was a man Arthur Henderson, said that he Alfonso went to the room of his named Mow Fung, (71) who lived was in consultation with the Prc- ailing son, Prince of Asturias, sident of the Board of Trade, Mr. with whom several nobles were

> saluted the bystanders. His face Alfonso to come and forget his and manner did not betray emo- troubles at the Fiesta to be held

Sunday's voting, and if I fail- ing back to 1565. ed to do this I should bring too much not to do this."

phrases, embraced them severally ed on hoising the Republican and partook of a light supper. flag on the residence of the He bid farewell to the Queen and senior official. The latter objecthis children, asking them to re- ed and ordered the guard to fire. turn to their room. He then Two persons - were killed and spoke a few words to the Guard several wounded. The Colonial Secretary informs of Honour and Halberdiers, . Madrid, Yesterday. us that the Hong Kong Currency whose officers broke into cries of ... Ugly suspicion for the moment known that they are prepared to moved but the King, still calm, will with which the crowds had "Long live Spain," and departed. booing and baiting the Guards as Queen Departs.

Hendaye, Yesterday.

Discipline Urged. provisional Government was (Continued on Page 12.)

Paris, Yesterday. | working hard publishing decrees A manifesto prepared by ex- urging discipline and the main-

concludes by assuring respect of private property, and the improvement of the condition of the King Alfonso, in his mani-peasantry. The amended list of festo, says: "I renounce none the provisional Government is of my rights. I am waiting Senor Martinez Barrios as Ministo learn the real expression of ter of Communications; Senor collective opinion of the public, Nicolau Dolwer as Minister of and until the Nation has Economy; Senor Marcelino spoken I shall deliberately Domingo as Minister of Public Insuspend the exercise of Royal struction, and Senor Fernando

Navy Turns Republic. The Commander-in-Chief of tinies. I am performing a the Naval Squadron has teleduty dictated to me by love of graphed from Cartagena that the my country, and I pray God Republic has been proclaimed in Advices from as deep a comprehension of Tetuan state that the Republic has been acclaimed in Spanish Morocco. The High Commis-| sioner | has telegraphed | Madrid Ex-King Alfonso's departure announcing his adherence to the

### Touts Make Hay. New York, Yesterday.

Municipal publicists are seizing the shining hour afforded by The nobles departed, leaving the King's abdication, and wire-King Alfonso alone with his son. less messages have been sent King Alfonso, re-appearing, from Los Angeles inviting King there in September, and from St. "I have to demonstrate that Augustine, Florida, inviting him am more democratic than to settle down in the homely atthose who consider themselves mosphere of their town, the olddemocratic. It was the only one est city in the United States, thing to do after the result of with a Spanish background dat-Tangier, Yesterday.

about civil war. I love Spain Blood has been shed in Tetuan through a difference of The listeners were in tears as view regarding the new Spanish King Alfonso, with affectionate Republicans. The crowd insist-

> Monarchical relics. The situation was saved by senior officers.

Treaty to Be Scrapped. Paris, Yesterday. General Sanjurgo, head of the Indications of the Spanish Re-

The Commission have already Civil Guards, and a special body publican Government's policy Arthur Henderson stated that the received evidence from a number of Guards wearing red brassards, were given by Senor Prieto when negotiations with the Nanking of gentlemen who appeared be accompanied the Queen to the interviewed in the train, proceedshall meet all our financial en-

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Hong Kong, 11th April, 1931.

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A. STORKINK, Acting Manager, Hong Kong, 18th August, 1980.

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Sir Ernest Thompson emphasis- Costs Must Be Reduced. that the Mission was forced to system, however, is not sufficient productive capacity.

not found that American cotton article, to consider separately and

was on a falling basis.

Many questions were directed made. to ascertaining the Mission's views on the lines on which reorganisation in Lancashire would proceed. Mission, which visited the Far Subscribed Capital .... \$25,000,000.00 Sir Ernest Thompson replied that East simultaneously, is not yet

Paid-Up Capital .....\$24,710,200.00 the question was for industry. The full cotton report will be confirms and supports the Cotton published on April 17 and the gen- Mission's recommendations. It eral report of the Economic Mis- expresses the opinion that no insion in a fortnight's time.

Earlier News. London, Yesterday. Owing to our numerous branches in that she cannot hope to regain or Reuter. of the International Banking Corpora- China and large connections in the im- even to retain her trade with the

Ernest Thompson. Price Before Quality. The Mission, in its Report which has just been published, stresses the importance of Lancashire getting into closer touch with the China market and recommends the setting up of a special

organisation for this purpose. - After pointing out that Japan as market is virtually closed, the Report says that China still needs to import a large quantity of piece goods, but that owing to the reduced purchasing power of the people, quality has become a secondary consideration and that if Lancashire is to secure recovery of the lost ground her prices must not exceed those of her principal competitor-Japan.

The First Essential. The Report points out that Japan's advantage in cost at every stage of production is cumulative. the effect of which is considerable. It emphasises that the reduction of British costs is the first essential. In pointing out that the cost of merchanting and distribution also enters into the prices at which Lancashire goods can be sold, the Report declares that the present position as regards marketing is far from satisfactory.

Holding of Stocks.

The Mission investigated various suggestions designed to increase the sale of British piece goods, all centreing around the formation of a Company in Britain to control the export and sale of Lancashire goods in China, either at the Treaty ports to importing houses, leaving the distribution to Chinese dealers as at present, or at Treaty ports direct to Chinese dealers, or by undertaking the whole of the sale and distribution' through its own agents. Regarding this, the Report says: "We have come to the conclusion that it would be unwise for any such Company to embark on up-country trading in view of the prevailing unrest and possible opposition from existing dealers. We favour, however, the holding of stocks in China of bulk lines which is the trade in which Lancashire must recover if she is to see a real improvement. But, it is quite impossible to visualise the holding of stocks in any considerable quantities while Lancashire's business is conducted through so darge a number of merchants, all competing one against another. We are satisfied that there will be no improvement without redical alteration in the

THE methods of exporting and market-

Selling Organisation. In recommending the setting up of a special organisation, the Mission says that if this is done it should be possible to arrange for the standardisation of qualities required in the China market and to place orders with spinners, manufacturers and finishers of such dimensions as to secure that the goods will be manufactured Discussing the cotton report and finished at very much lower with Reuter, Sir Ernest Thomp- costs than at present. Such an son stressed that the Mission was organisation would be in a posicotton trade and had brought of the market and to maintain had come to the conclusion that a It could maintain its own organireduction of costs of production sation in China and work either and an improvement of marketing through the existing importing methods were necessary. Both re- house or a selected number theremedies were interdependent. He of. If this proved to be impracannounced that Mr. Gillett and ticable or for any reason unde-Mr. Edward Crowe would proceed sirable, the organisation in China to Manchester on April 19 to dis- could work through Chinese dealcuss questions of reorganisation ers or its own appointed agents as circumstances required.

ed that the position was such An alteration in the marketing act without delay. He hoped that to bring about an early and apthe Mission's proposals would be preciable increase. An increase carried out simultaneously with of production costs in the East is the reorganisation of Lancashire's improbable and therefore the Report urges all engaged in the in-Answering questions, Sir Ernest dustry, from the buying of raw Thompson said the Mission had cotton to the sale of the finished was hitting British interests in jointly how costs can be reducedand so enable yarn and cloth to The fall of silver in Japan had be placed on the market at comnot affected Britain now that petitive prices. The Report con-Japan was on a gold basis, but cludes by saying that there is no the proximity of Japan to China hope of Lancashire increasing affected Britain when business her trade in the markets of the East unless radical changes are

Must be Competitive. The Report of the Economic published, but it is stated that it dustry so dependent on exports as the British cotton industry can continue to exist unless fully com-A stern warning to Lancashire petitive with other countries.-

tion in San Francisco and Spain and portant commercial centres of the last unless her goods are also of The National City Bank of world, we are able to extend to our placed on the market at competible's record 1930 canned salmon commercial centres of the portant commercial centres of the placed on the market at competible's record 1930 canned salmon and foreign banking and exchanges. tive prices is contained in the Re- pack show a total of 2,221,819 cases, We also handle the issue of Bonds port of the British, Cotton Mission which represents an increase of Manager. and other Public Funds of the Chin- which visited the Far East recent- 823,049 cases over the previous eso Government both at home and ly under the Chairmanship of Sir year, and a gain of 156,629 cases over the former record of 1926.

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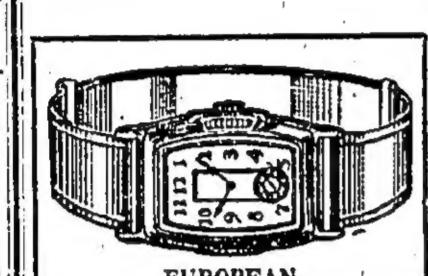
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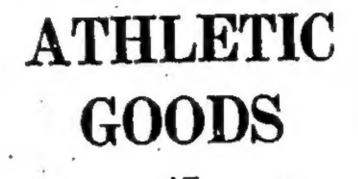
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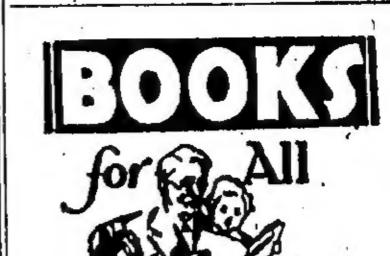
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Owen are the sole Americans. Stone's birthplace was Worcester, magician, as a witness for the de-Mass, while Miss Owen is the fence, makes a startling confesdaughter of an executive of the sion. Liggett-Mayers Tobacco Company, and the family home is Louisville,

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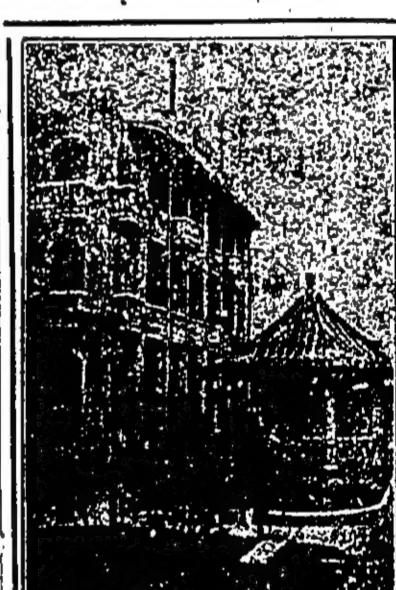
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SAILINGS FROM HONG	KONG SUBJECT TO	AI/TER	ATION.
TERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore. Colombo,	London Maru	Tues.,	26th May
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colom-	,•	Mon.,	27th Apr.
bo, Durban & Capetown.  BOMBAY via Singapore, Port Swettenham & Colombo.			16th Apr. 19th Apr.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR- ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singa-	Mexico Maru	Tues.,	5th May
pore & Colombo. BIELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.,	6th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon . VICTORIA. SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER		Sat.,	18th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore. JAPAN PORTS (Freight Ser-		Wed.,	22nd Apr.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow &	Menado Marti	Thurs.,	16th Apr.
Pakhoi (Fortnightly).  KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).  TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy	Canton Maru	Sun., Sun.,	19th Apr. 26th Apr.
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FELIX ROUSSEL.

FRENCH MAIL SHIP.

The Societe des Services Contractuels des Messageries Maritimes have just placed on their China-Japan Mail Line their new m.v. Felix Roussel.

The Felix Roussel which was built at the Saint-Nazaire yard of the 'Ateliers and Chantiers de la Loire' is the third motor vessel built by the Messageries Maritimes; a further addition, the Georges Philippar which at the special request of the Company's staff was given the name of the present Chairman of the Company, and is also intended for the Messageries Maritimes China-Japan Line, was launched at St-, Nazaire on November 6, and is at present in course of completion, whilst still another, the Aramis, also intended for the M.M. China-Japan Line, is at present being built at La Seyne.

Further motor vessels al ready built for the M.M.'s various other lines or in the course of completion include the m.v. Theophile Gauthier (Mediterrancan Line), Eridan (Australian Line), Jean Laborde now in course of completion at La Giotat and Marechal Joffre at present being built at La Ciotat both intended for the M.M. (Madagascar and Indian Ocean Line).

Upon completion of these various vessels the Messageries will have, accordingly, seven Chaksang, British str., 1,470 tons, average dividend of 3.45 per cent. motor vessels in service.

In continuation of a tradition which included already the names of such former Chair- City of Khios, British str., 3,551 men of the Messageries. Maritimes as Ernest Simons, Armand Behic, Andre Lebon, the new m.v. has been named after the late Chairman of the Company, M. Felix Roussel, who died on

September 6, 1925. built under the special survey of the Bureau Veritas, has a straight stem and a cruiser stern and two square funnels which give to the Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, ship a novel and special appearance. The vessel is 556 feet feet in depth to the upper deck with a draught of 27.8 feet, a corresponding displacement of 20,945 tons and a deadweight Hydra II., Norwegian str., 823 capacity of 10,200 tons. Her hull is divided into 9 water tight compartments by 8 water tight bulkheads fitted with four hydraulically operated Stonedoors. She carries 24 life boats including 2 motor life boats fitted with wireless. She has three continuous decks and four partial

an electric windlass, four electric capstans, a Brown Bros steering apparatus and a Brown | Katsura Maru, Japanese str., 3,528 Bros Gyroscopic compass. The lifting apparatus includes one 25 tons derrick at the mizzen mast, one 10 tons derrick at the main mast, 10 electric winches of 3 T capacity each, 6 derricks of 5 T capacity.

The propelling machinery of New the Felix Roussel comprises: two two-stroke Diesel Sulzer internal combustion engines, developing each 5,500 b.h.p. at 110 Royal revolutions per minute; two refrigerating water-motor pumps; two lubricating oil motor pumps; two 325 kws generating groups, including each one type 6 DH 38, 525 HP four stroke Diesel Sulzer Motor, coupled to a 220 VDC dynamo, each of these groups being connected, through a gear clutch, to an auxiliary compressor; three \$25 kws. generating groups, composed each of a four stroke, 475 HP type five DH 38-Diesel Sulzer Motor, coupled to a 220 volts DC Dyname, one auxiliary compressor with semi-Diesel motor: one lubricating oil heater: 2 boilers.

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as a shortwave wireless plant. Two sets of refrigerating machinery are installed on the Felix Roussel sufficient to meet the requirements when working 15 hours out of 24. The total volume of refrigerating space in

the ship is 16,000 cubic feet. Passenger accommodation on the m.v. Felix Roussel embodies two innovations, one of which is the provision of outside verandahs to a number of the cabins and the other is a swimming pool. Accommodation is provided for 196 de luxe and first class passengers, 118 second-class passengers and 90-third class passen-

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, April 14. Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. S. Kojima, from Canton, buoy No. B17 .--N.Y.K.

Wednesday, April 15.

tons, Capt. W. Jones, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7.-Bank

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Nam & Co. The Felix Roussel, which was Haiching, British str., 1,283 tons, ly combined service to Montreal.

Douglas Wharf .- Douglas s.s. long over all, 68 feet in beam, 46.6 Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383 burg and Bremen, although the

> Swatow, O.S.K. . Wharf .- determined. O.S.K. tons, Capt. L. Raed, from Bangkok, buoy No. 2.-Thore-

sen & Co. Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf .-Chiu On s.s. Co.

Ida Maru, Japanese str., 2,759 tons, Capt. T. Horie, from Singapore, buoy No. A10.-M.B.K. The Felix Roussel is fitted with Japora, Dutch str., 2,361 tons, Capt. K. Swart, from Canton, Yau-

mati Anchorage,-J.C.J.L. tons, Capt. Yamamoto, from Sasa, Yaumati Anchorage.-M.S.K.

Muroran Maru, Japanese str., 3,251 tons, Capt. R. Agawa, from Japan, Kowloom : Wharf .-

Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Canton, buoy No. B18.-Yick Tai & Co.

Arrow, American str., 4,800 tons, Capt. Paul B. Muller, from Los Angeles, Laichikok Anchorage.-Standard 'Oll Co.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:-Bruce South wall ... Cumberland-No. 5 buoy. Hermes-West wall. Medway-North arm Osiris-East wall! Oswald-East wall. Sandwich-In dock. Somme-No. 7 buoy.

Sterling-No. 7 buoy. Foreign Men-of-War. Barker-American gunboat. Borie-American gunboat. Helena-American gunboat. Tracy-American gunbont.

CONSIGNEES: NOTICES

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The Ben Line s.s. Bennevis from Leith, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to aprive here about April 24.

SHIPPING SHARES.

FALL IN DIVIDENDS OF BRITISH COMPANIES.

A table published in the and cargoes that come into Man- Special Annual Returns Issue of Fairplay gives the value on tary Authority, whose caution December 31 last of shares and resulted in the condemnation at debentures in the leading British liner and cargo ship companies tinned fruit weighing over four | quoted on the London Stock Exchange as £86,400,000, against a nominal value of £113,874,000. As compared with the highest boilers, and during rough weat figures of the year the total at ther, in the Atlantic the ventila- the close showed a fall of nearly tors had to be closed and the £22,000,000. The market value hatches were battered down. The of the shares of six well-known heat was so intense that some of companies on January 1 l. st was the tins corroded and contamining nearly £20,000,000, which com-

Accounts issued last year by 37 British liner companies, owning 1,400 vessels, representing 7,000,-It could not be ascertained by 1000 tons gross, revealed, accorddividend of 5.28 per cent. on the capital and reserves employed in 70 cargo-ship companies, owning 450 vessels, of 2,000,000 tons gross, showed an average dividend of only 3.89 per cent. on the capital, and 2.62 per cent. on capital and reserves. Of the 70 companies, 35 paid no dividend. last year and 32 failed to provide anything for depreciation.

Eighteen of the principal British shipbuilding and marine engineering companies are stated to have distributed last year an Capt. J. McAnish, from Swa- on paid-up capital, or 3.02 per tow, West Point Wharf .- J. M. cent. on capital and reserves.

> HAPAG-LLOYD SERVICE TO CANADA.

According to the latest sailing Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 list issued by the Hapag and tons, Capt. T. Berntsen, from Lloyd Lines both companies will Holhow, buoy No. B8.-Kwong as soon as the St. Lawrence is again open, establish a fortnight-Capt. Walker, from Swatow, It will be remembered that such a service was operated before the war.

Sáilings, which will begin Capt. A. Hall, from Saigon, about the end of April or beginbuoy No. B16.-We Fat Sing. ning of May, will be from Hamtons, Capt. H. Oyama, from actual dates have not yet been

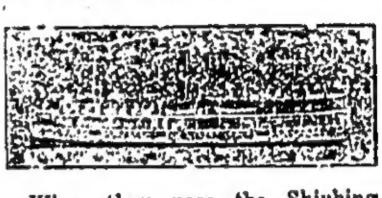
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OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San

Saigon ...... Halvard ..... 3.30 p.m. Shanghai ...... Kanchow ........ 3.30 p.m. Samshui and Wuchow ...... Tai Ming ..... 4 p.m. Saigon ...... Shun Chih ...... 4.30 p.m. Tourane ..... Chung Kong ..... 4.30 p.m. Formosa ...... Vogtland ..... 5 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL .. 17. swatow, Amoy and Foothow .... Hai Ching ...... 1 p.m. Shanghai and \*Europe via Siberia Burdwan ...... 2.80 p.m. Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia ...... Harung Maru ..... 3.30 p.m. Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,

Europe via Marseilles .... Hakozaki Maru (Due Marseilles, May 16.) G.P.O. Registration .... Apr. 17, 5 p.m. Registration .Apr. 17, 4.30 p.m. Kum Sang ...... 5 p.m. Amoy .....

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C. ..... President Jefferson (Due Victoria, B.C., May 5 and "Europe via Siberia.)" ... Parcels ...... Apr. 18, 8 pm Registration ......4.15 p.m.

Letters ...... p.m. Empress of Canada 3.80 p.m. Manila

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Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remnining undelivered after the 17th instant will be subject to rent. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st May, 1981, or they will not be recognized.

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*TSOUDAN		.2nd	May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg,
		}	)	Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*#KIDDERPORE	5,334		May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,144	Oth	May	Mars., L'don, Hul!, R'dam & A'werp.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd	May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BURDWAN		30th	May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg
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KASHMIR	8,985	6th	June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp
RANPURA	16,601	20th	June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	4th	July	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London,
PERIM	7,648	25th	July	Marseilles & London.
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SOMALI	_	8th	Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg
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RAJPUTANA	10,568	15th	Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	29th	Aug.	Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	15,121	12th	Sept	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
SOUDAN		19th	Sept.	Marseilles, London, Huil, Hamburg
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†KALYAN	9,144	26th	Sept.	Marseilles & London.
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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

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*BURDWAN	,-	6 a.m.	
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COMORIN.	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	8,273	28th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
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KASHMIR	8,985		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yhama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	10,601	24th. May	Amov. Moli. Kobe & Osaka.
FANTHIA KASHGAR	9,005	. 5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kebe & Yokohama.
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RAJPUTANA KARMALA	16,586	31st July	
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### Y.M.C.A. DRAMA.

PERFORMANCE IN ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

THREE SHORT PLAYS.

Three one-act plays, "The Twelve Pound Look" by Sir James Barrie, "In Port" a drama adapted to the stage by Norman Mc-Kinlay, and "The Stepmother" by Arnold Bennett, were presented by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Players in the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night.

The first play was a farce. and told of the knighthood to be conferred on Harry Sims (played by N. V. Halward) who doted on success. His wife (Margaret Birt) engages a typist (Kathleen P. Curtin) to reply to congratulatory letters, and Sims discovers that she was his first wife. The players acted with understanding, and were warmly applauded.

"In Port" told of the visit of an escaped convict (enacted by S. M. West) to the house of Mr. Justice Atherley (taken by W. Robertson) who convicted him ten years ago. The play was very clever with a most humorous climax. J. J. Ferguson as Fletcher was the ideal butler.

"The Stepmother" was also a farce, and acting honours go to Wendy Orme, who took the role of Christine Feversham, secretary to Mrs. Prout (enacted by Margaret Birt), a popular novelist and a widow. G. F. Rees as the doctor (Thomas Gardner) gave good support.

The three plays were produced by Mr. W. Robertson. A collection was taken in aid of the St. Andrew's Church Organ

Fund.

### AMBULANCE CORPS. CONCERT BY ST. JOSEPH'S DIVISION.

The St. Joseph's College Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade held a concert and dance in the Hotel Cecil last night and, judging by the attendance, they should be well satisfied with the success of the function, both from a social and financial point.

The dance music was provided by the Shadowland Orchestra, and interludes in the dance programme were provided by Mr. J. Levintoff, who entertained the assembly with some very fine piano solos.

A speciality dance by Miss Lo

The Committee responsible for the arrangements are to be congratulated on the enjoyable even-

### THEFT OF LETTER.

### HUNGARIAN SENT TO PRISON.

"I have heard the whole case and I have heard all the witnesses and I am thoroughly satisfied that you are the person who received the cheque and cashed it." With these words, Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday convicted an Hungarian, Harry Simon, of larceny of a letter which was addressed to Mr. A. W. Summers, of L. E. Gale Company.

Defendant had pleaded guilty to (1) possession of an automatic pistol, a magazine and seven rounds of ammunition without a permit and (2) unlawful possession of an American pilots' identification card.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour on the first charge, imposed a fine of \$250 or in default six weeks hard labour on the second charge, and one month's imprisonment on the third count, the sentences to run consecutively.

Gauged by the record of its four basic industries of lumbering, Songagriculture, mining and fishing, Batish Columbia has come through an extremely difficult year very well. It is estimated that the four basic industries returned something like \$226,000,000, which is only slightly less than the previous year's figure of \$248,000,000.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

be broadcast to-day from the scated small car, with independent Hong Kong Broadcasting Station wheel suspension, so that the ma-Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 chine should be suitable for jour-

plied by the Anderson Music Co. 6-6.27 p.m.—Band Selections. Parsifal-March of the Knights of the Holy Grail (Wagner), The Regimental Band of H.M.

by Capt. George Miller Tancredi-Overture (Rossini), B.B.C. Wireless Military. Band conducted by Walton O'Donnell

(DX155). Old Folks at Home and in Foreign Lands (J. C. Roberts), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards Miller (DX210).

A Fine Old English Gentleman Harry Dearth, Baritone

6.27-6.55 p.m.—Humorous Songs.

Sir Harry Lauder Songs-Vocal Gems,

The Border Singers (DX113). Song-If Winter Comes, Billy Bennett (DX13).

An Old Time "Sing Song", Charles Coborn (DX21). 6.55-7.13 p.m.-Pianoforte Solos. Caprice Chinoise (Cyril Scott). Pensoso (Cyril Scott),

Paraphrase on Rigoletto Quartet (Verdl-Liszt), Irene Scharrer (2395). 7.13-7.40 p.m .- Gems from Gil-

Cyril Scott (2284).

bert & Sullivan. H.M.S. "Pinafore"—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX205). "Iolanthe"—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co.

(DX17). "Patience"-Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co.

7.40-8 p.m.-Concert Items. Persian Song (Glinka & Zimbalist), Efrem Zimbalist (2191).

Eileen Alannan (E. S. Marble & J. Thomas), Dame Clara Butt, Contralto . (X841).

Planoforte Solo-"Gnomenreigen" (Liazt), Left Poulshnoff (2053).

Thou Remainest (McGranahan), William McEwan, Tenor

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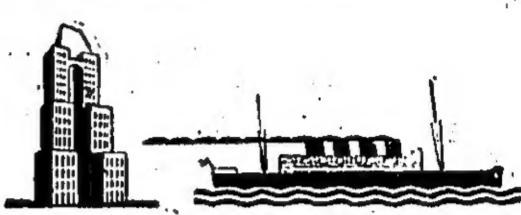
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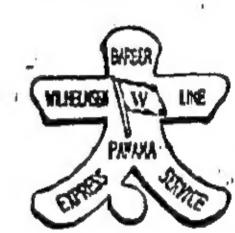
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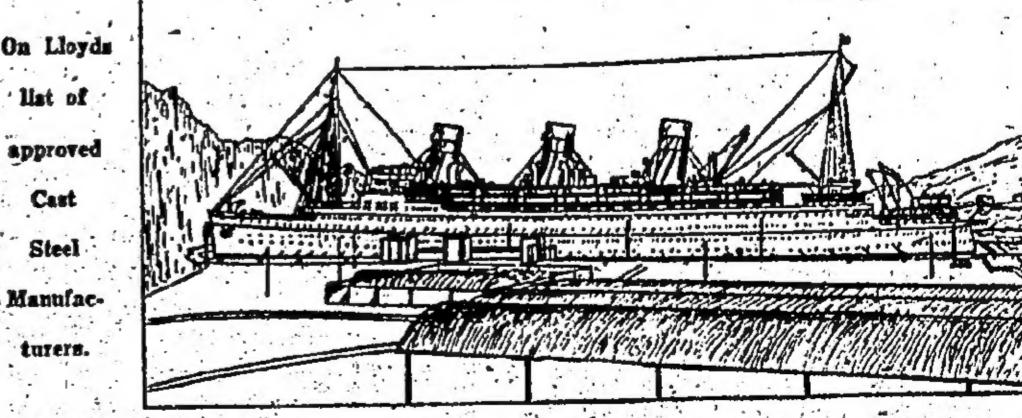
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but for themselves, and has de-

monstrated his unfortunate dis-

position to betray those whom he

should have held in trust. Of his

personal loyalty to Spain there

had animated in him the desire to

to vacillate according to the

moods of so-called popular lead-

ers, the present crisis might

fated to rule through a trying

and perhaps unprecedented period

of history, and, if he has not ac-

cepted his responsibilities with

strength and determination, it

can be said of him that he has at

least withdrawn with a gesture

of nobility which should be the

badge of distinction of every

News in Brief.

The s.s. Empross of Canada wil

A student, Lai Chee-foo (20) re-

iding at 148, Connaught Road

land bailiff, of the District Office.

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Road, Kowloon, to Ada Pearl Norton

A Chinese wedding was solemn-

Union Church, Kennedy Road, be-

The master of the s.s. Nellore re-

ported at the Harbour Office yes-

terday that an uncharted shoal,

formed in latitude 10 deg. 24' 15"

south and longitude 151 deg. 11' 45"

east. A notice to mariners has ac-

We have received from the local

an attractive brochure giving de-

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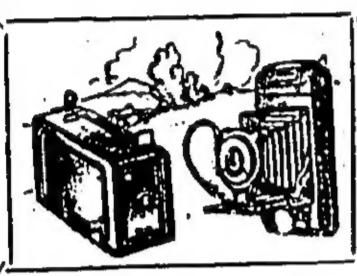
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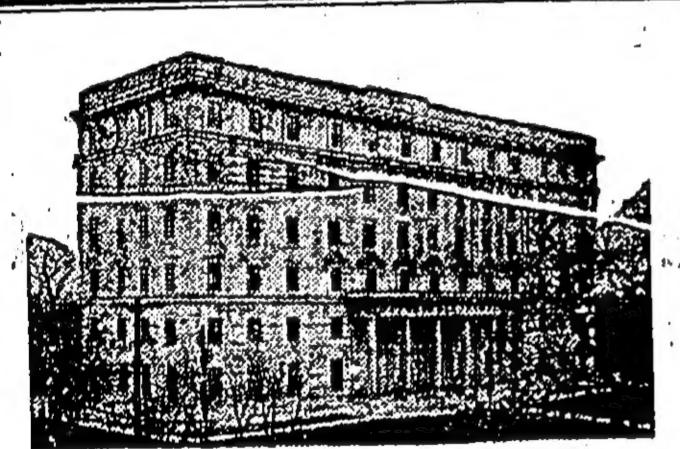
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### EXEUNT.

The nineteenth century French wit who once declared that the continent of Africa extended to the Pyrences voiced a sentiment that the civilised peoples o Northern Europe have felt for a long time. Madrid and Barcelona can show you fine buildings and well-planned avenues, and can produce writers, artists, and musicians whose genius is undoubted; but few cities in the Western. Hemisphere can show greater instability, stupidity, and lack of purpose than the public of Spain, both official and civilian. In many respects the black kingdom of Abyssinia is better conducted than is S in, and the subjects of the for w certainly have a more relial sense of loyaltynot to an individual or a number of individuals - but to the welfare of their country. Now that any form of monarchy in Spain were fined \$5 each. King Alfonso has abdicated, and once more in the history of his last fifteen years, the character dynasty the land is in the hands of the people is such that it would charged before Mr. W. Schofield in default. mercy - of Republicans, it is of some description once more in- Shaukiwan Road, Det-Sergt. Amont easier to speak plainly about this stated at the regal palace, but it is stated that there had been a extraordinary people, who seem more than doubtful whether it never satisfied unless they are in would be Alfonso. a state of ferment, to produce In spite of his patriotic senti- imposed a fine of \$3 on each, and Mr. Walter Schofield charged with moved from house No. 9, and at 4

quired territory becomes a do- Spanish peoples, these are the all applications.

A more graphic example of this peculiarity could not be found than in the chaotic conditions postage abroad, H.K. \$36, payable which perpetually prevail in the nounced of Samuel Henry Peplow, Southern American Republics, where no President has been known to last for more years than one can count on one's hand. This characteristic has led the rest of the world to regard South America as a comic-opera land where nothing is so common as a deposition. The wonder is expectations, and a very enjoyable that any progress can possibly be made, and that the finances of the various Republics are not in a constant state of jeopardy. That they are not, it must be as- Kwok Gon-hin, of the Wing On sumed, is largely due to their Company, and Miss Pearl Lock Lee enormous natural resources, and Quan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. perhaps to the optimistic efforts of stable countries, such a Great Britain, to develop them in the face of aggravating obsta- carrying less than five fathoms, has

> The fate of Spain, now that she has renounced her Royal dic- cordingly been posted up by the tatorship, may be expected closely to resemble that of her former Colonies in South America, offices of the American Express Inc., for she has revealed on former occasions the inability of her tails of the Olympic Games of 1932, plebian politicians to achieve famous Californian City, together unity, to control internal compli- with particulars of a specimen tour cations, and to secure an even of Los Angeles and environs. temporary condition of peace. It is not difficult to foresee that will once more be rent asunder with political upheavals, for means inconsequent faction monarchist, is at least radically ing two ducks around. hostile to the grosser forms of republicanism which at the moment holds the reins of power.

King Alfonso will be invited to resume his position on the throne, in spite of his fatalistic assertion and has grown to fever heat in the

which it takes the most trifling ments, expressed, it must be remembered, during a time of emo- Box. The Latin temperament, which tional stress, and when he must can usually be relied upon to pre- have been deeply conscious that cipitate a rebellion, even if it be his words would pasa into his Government's correspondence school only the mutiny of a garrison, tory as an example of kingly has now passed the 5,000 mark, achas proved itself in Spain to be dignity, it cannot be felt by im-cording to information received at its most unstable pitch. Hence partial thinkers that King Anderson, Minister of Education we find that wherever the Span- Alfonso has been either a wise or Applications are still coming in, as ish peoples have colonised, it is a strong monarch; and, to be suc- many as 48 being received in one not long before their newly ac- cessful in the governance of the day, and up to the present the

Central, was removed to the Government. Civil Hospital in a serious main of unrest and disturbance. condition after he had taken some opium poisoning. fised yesterday afternoon in the tween Mr. Kwok Yiu, son of Mr.

humorous paragraph is contained in the Police reports this within a very short period she morning. Cheung Cheung-kan (29), described as a boatman residing at 6, Main Street, was removed to the Government Civil: Hospital there is a considerable and by no for observation; as he is believed to in be insane: The report adds that a Spain, which, if not essentially shop-keeper found Cheung swimming in Shaukiwan Harbour, chas-"This is a case of grossest cruelsaid Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court this There is little likelihood that morning, when he convicted five

Chinese with cruelty to pigs by packing them in a small space and transporting them to Yaumati Railway Station on April 11. The first to the contrary. Whilst it is two defendants were fined \$25 each, true that the ferment against with the option of one month's imprisonment, while the other three -one might almost say at the not be astonishing to find a ruler ing with playing pai kau at 82,

Enrolment in the Saskatchewan

### very attributes that a king should CLOUD OF STRANGE possess. Ho has allowed the de-POISON GAS. stinies of his country to fall into

District.

MYSTERIOUS EMANATION.

Brussels, Yesterday. serve a single purpose instead of near Liege, to-day.

> medically assisted. The emanation of the gas

never have arisen. The King was 15 miles.-Reuter.

### WAR DEBT REDUCED Soho.' BRITAIN'S GENEROUS ACT TO

FRIENDLY SPIRIT.

London, Yesterday.

AUSTRALIA.

In response to a request of the Commonwealth Government, view of the Commonwealth's financial difficulties, His Majesty's Government has agreed that the payments of the Commonwealth to Funding Agreement of 1921, amounting to £5,500,000 yearly. leave for Manila at 5 p.m. on Satur- may be reduced by over £1,600,000 yearly during each two next financial years, beginning in Septem-Injured by falling earth whilst | ber 30 next. The period of the engaged in excavation work at Lai- repayment of the principal debt chikok, Poon Man (20), was taken will be extended by two years, as to the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffer- announced by Mr. J. H. Thomas in the House of Commons this even- clubs ing. He added that the Commonwealth Government had expressed appreciation of the friendly spirit in which the offer was accepted .-

### LABOUR TROUBLES. The forthcoming marriage is an- FRESH INDUSTRIES IN NORWAY

AFFECTED. Oslo, Yesterday. The labour troubles are rapidly

paralysing fresh industries, and a new lock-out has been enforced, Nearly 200 people were present involving tobacco factories, brewhen the Kowloon Football Club dititon to the previous iron, steel, as his favourite weapon. .. held their annual dinner dance. The engineering, textiles, and building success of the evening surpassed all trade lock-outs.-Reuter.

Marseilles, Yesterday. . For the second time in two days everyone is asking "Where is Alfonso?" French and Spanish wireless stations have been fruitlessly trying to get in touch with the cruiser since his departure for Cartagena. The fact that the vessel has not arrived there as was expected provokes speculation as to the King's destination. Madrid, Yesterday.

The "wanted" ex-Premier, Berenguer, has arrived in Portugal. The Government is early devoting its attention to delving its predecessors' "misdeeds" and is resolved to reopen the enquiry into the causes of the fall of Melilla a decade ago, and the conduct of everyone in connection with the first dictatorship.

Renewed rioting has broken out in Barcelona, where three were shot dead .--Reuter.

### EXTRALITY ISSUE.

Lance-Sergeant Clarke, of the Water Police, this morning charged the master of a junk before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., (rethe harbour limits without a permit. Governor of Macao transmitting a no intention of leaving port and was day, from the Minister for the merely making for Shektongtsul from Yaumati. He was tacking as the wind was from the south.

His Worship said that he was out in the harbour yesterday afternoon asd, judging from the tide and wind then prevailing, the defendant did not have to take that course to reach West Point. He imposed a fine of When 15 Chinese men were \$10 or one weew's hard labour in

lot of complaints regarding the the Naval Wireless. Mess, Stone-ing was continued the whole of last house, and, in fact, a letter had been cutters Island, was in the Central night. Soon after 11 o'clock the sent to the L.G.P. The Magistrate Police Court this morning, before body of a young woman was remade an order for \$14, which was the larceny of a soucepan and a a.m. the remains of Mr. Lee Ngok picked up, to be paid into the Poor quantity of crockery, the property Lau's grandson, a boy of ten, were of his employers.

> defendant, tendered a plea of guilty, No. 9 was brought out. This acand appealed for leniency. ... | counted for all the people missing

> Police informed the Magistrate that a.m., the bodies of two labourers the crockery was stolen from time, were removed from house No. 11, to time in little quantities. . The making a total of five for last night total value was about \$24. and this morning. With the three

### DANCER SENT TO DEVIL'S ISLAND.

Again Passes Over Liege End of a Feud Started in Britain.

"TERROR OF SOHO."

Juan Antonio Castaner, who has The cloud of strange poison been sentenced to eight years' imcan be no doubt, and if only it gas which caused a number of prisonment on Devil's Island, moved deaths in the Liege district a few as a sinister figure in the undermonths ago, revisited Tilleur, world of London for ten years before the "clean-up" of Lord Byng, Many inhabitants had to be Commissioner of Police, entailed his deportation in 1929.

He was found guilty of the murextended for a distance of about der of another notorious leader of London and Paris underworld life-Casimir Micheletti, "the Terror of

> Castaner was known to the police as a "bad man," without a redeeming quality. He lived on women and on blackmail, but he was so cunning in his illicit money making that the detectives of Vine Street and Tottenham Court Road could never get sufficient evidence to justify a serious charge.

He was a perfect dancer, and for a time ran a dancing school in Regent Street. There were strong suspicions about that school and Great Britain under the War Debt some of the women who passed through it-but never, more than

At that time Castaner undoubtedly obtained money by threats from number of middle-aged and wealthy London women whom he met as a professional dancing partner. He frequented hotels and some of the more notorious night

His Favourite Weapon. His chief associate and friend in London was Caslmir Micheletti, for whose murder he had been sentenced in Paris.

Micheletti, with Castaner as an assistant, organised a "traffic"that is the only word-for bringing undesirable foreign women to Lonion. He also arranged marriages of convenience between some of these women and Britons, so that the women became naturalised and could not be sent back to their own country.

"The Terror of Soho" was a nickname well carned by Micheletti, for in the Peninsula Hotel last night weries, and chemical works, in ad- he was a slasher and used a knife

There are several men in London to-day who carry the marks of Micheletti on their faces. He was suspected of at least two murders, but they could not be brought home to him, and the only offence he was charged with before a British court was a breach of the aliens'

regulations. Castaner and Micheletti quarrelled over a girl and the division of money she had obtained. There was a desperate fight between them and their two factions in a London club. Castaner was beaten up and wounded.

He swore a vendetta from that

Both men were deported in 1929. They met again in Paris, and a truce was called-but Castaner never forgot or forgave.

Story of Shooting. His chance came one night last August, when Micheletti was shot in the Rue de Petrograd.

Castaner was arrested, and told an extraordinary story to the examining magistrate. He said that he was with Micheletti, and a man known as the "Marsellais," when a dispute arose.

The Marsellais drew a magazine pistol and shot Micheletti. Then he thrust the smoking pistol into Castaner's pocket and cried, "You are a foreigner, get away!" The Paris police were never able

### PORTUGAL TRANQUIL.

to trace the Marsellais.

The following telegram has been received by the Consul-General for tired), with taking his craft outside Portugal from His Excellency the The defendant said that he had telegraphic message received yester-Colonies in Lisbon. "Complete tranquillity prevails in

### Ten Years Ago.

all Continent and Colonies.

[From .. the "China Mall" of April 16, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6-1/8.

The work of removing the debria of the two Old Bailey houses which Chan Ham-tin, a cook employed at collapsed early on Wednesday morndug up. About 9 o'clock the badly Mr. Horace Lo, appearing for the crueised body of a male inmate of

An Inspector of the Naval Yard from this bouse. Soon after 11 His Worship (to Mr. Lo): 'I which were recovered on Thursday have decided to give your client the from No. 9, eight of the nine peroption of a fine. \$75 or six weeks', sons reported missing have been

accounted for.

### H.K. & SHANGHAI HOTEL.

(Continued from page 1.)

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Diesel-Engined Buses. utilisation of Diesel type oil engines are receiving our serious attention. If the result of experiments now in progress leads to the adoption of this type of engine, a very large saving in fuel costs should result, and expenditure on lubricating oils and general maintenance be appreciably iess. We are in close touch and cooperation with our Home suppliers of vehicles on the matter and all possible avenues offering more

You will doubtless be interested to learn that the bus mileage figures for 1930 are 1,371,533 miles as compared with 1,199,103 miles in 1929, an increase of 172,430 miles, and whereas the number of passengers carried over all routes during 1929



"You promised to reform after eating your mother-in-law." very distant relative this time."-

approximated 51/2 millions, for 1930 the number of passengers carried falls just short of 7 millions.

Exchange's Effects. With regard to the matter of the appropriation recommended by the from the necessary replacement to Peak. "I venture to say there is Board for the year under review, I plant and machinery, as well as the a bigger fortune awaiting the feel it is advisable that I should remind shareholders of the adverse cross rate of exchange between Hong Kong and Shanghai which

prevailed during the year. The exchange position rendered difficult the transfer of funds standing to the credit of the Company in Shanghai-a large portion of which represented the proceeds of sale of the Majestic Hotel property-to effect reduction of its indebtedness in Hong Kong, without entailing a Berlous loss in exchange. Furthermore, the prevailing state of the money market in the Northern port precluded the employment of the Company's surplus funds there to

advantage. Due to these factors the Profit and Loss Account for the past financial year has to bear a heavier charge for bank interest than would have been the case had more favourable exchange rates ruled. Since the end of the last financial proposed, and if I may also say so, year, however, it has been possible to take advantage of a temporary favourable trend in exchange and transfer approximately 21 lacs (out of 36 lacs) of dollars from Shangour indebtedness to the Bank in shareholders, has not been more in Hong Kong. The current year's evidence already. working should therefore benefit; materially from a caving in interest consequential upon the transfer mentioned.

New Share Issue. A further reduction in our interest charge is also foreshadowed in view of your Board having decided Company's various classes of asto issue the balance of the shares cets; constituting the Company's unissued capital. The issue of this new capital should make available, from July, 1931, a further 20 lacs in a reduction of our indebtedness, further explanation. I venture to and the Company's financial post express the hope, however, that the

an extremely favourable aspect.

Company's business involves mult experienced at the hotel there, will titudinous small cash transactions cause an early termination of the daily, and the collective compounded long period of non-productiveness benefits of these react most favour- of this investment. 1\$3,000,000.

Abnormal Factors. our trading difficulties, and render previous year. the times very "lean" ones. In the case of the year under review the unprecedented depression of the local currency has largely contributed to the comparatively poor results shown, for although the situation has forced us to increase tariffs from time to time, nevertheless, it has not been deemed politic to pass on to patrons the full increase in prices on the ratio warranted by our nereased production costs.

"On the Right Side." In spite of the adverse times encountered, however, your Board have fortunately been able to present to you regularly, during the period in question, Profit and Lose Accounts showing balances on the right side, and you will recollect that in respect of several of those past years your Board did not recommend the declaration of a dividend out of the profits displayed, due to the constricted liquid resources then available, and to the The possibilities attaching to the fact that projects involving heavy capital expenditure were then un-

To-day the situation is altered, and much more favourable, and having regard to the improved position vis-a-vis our mortgage indebtedness previously mentioned, and the further considerable improvement resultant from the very good husiness experienced at our establishments during the first quarter of this year, your Directors feel economical working will be exploit- that they are in no sense acting imprudently in providing out of De-

preciation Reserve-a reserve built up from appropriations from past profits-part of the depreciation to that of Mr. Joseph, said there written off the Company's fixed assets during the year, thus enabling the dividend to be maintain-

MR. J. E. JOSEPH.

motion, said:-

support me when I say that we have hotels both in Shanghai and Peall just listened with no little satis- king was a very difficult task. faction and interest to the gratify- "I suggest that when the opporing results of the past year's work- tunity arises the Company get out Chair.

Although the total profits this year Kong, where there are opportunshow a decrease of \$60,000 as com- ities sufficient to give them a very pared with the preceding one, the wide scope. It may be that they result on the whole, as our Chair- are already thinking of doing so. man has pointed out, must not be Mr. Austin further suggested "I have reformed. I only ate a regarded as unsatisfactory. For that the Company might well study this result was obtained in spite of the "possibility of hiring upper Hummel, Hamburg. the very serious and continued floor space in the Gloucester Buildheavy depreciation in exchange dur- ing, and thus cater for more visiing the major portion of the year tors. If the Shanghai commitunder review, with all its conse- ments, and others, could be disquential adverse effects on the oper- posed of, there would also be an ating costs of every department of opportunity of concentrating upon our various establishments, apart a really modern hotel on the

> general equipment of the hotel. be gratifying to learn that an ap- Peak." preciable increase in patronage over that enjoyed last year, was notice- The Chairman replied that

responding period last year. Gratifying Decrease. is reduced by \$109,415, due to the Shanghai. substantial decrease of the Com-

| Hotel property. certainly approve of the increase of which might be expected, perhaps, working capital by a new issue as next year. I am surprised that more such calls, by the Boards of other local companies, taking advantage of the present abnormal money market conditions prevailing here, which after did not think such a suggestion. hai to Hong Kong in reduction of all is really in the interests of if carried out, would be profitable

> For depreciation, too, liberal allowance has been made, though it was necessary and considered expedient to withdraw the sum of \$200,000 from the "Depreciation Reserva" in order to provide for the standard get in past years in respect of the

Hopes For Peking. All other items appearing in the Balance Sheet; before us are very clearly set forth and so call for no

tion should undoubtedly then assume improvement in the position of our investment in Peking, as a result of I think it well to mention here being relieved of all debt, and aided that, normally, the nature of the by a greater volume of business now

ably so soon as our floating debt. It is interesting to learn, in condescends to the level of the figure nection with the bus service operit approximates to-day.' Whilst on ated by the Company, that the serthis subject I should like to point out vices on all routes have experienced that for the six years 1925 to 1930, considerable—increased—popularity a period of extreme business depres- during the year, and the total numsion, your Company has carried a ber of passengers carried apmortgage debt averaging stendily proximates nearly seven millions; over \$7,000,000 and has met in in- though the increase of revenue from terest thereon during that period the augmented patronage was offset in a measure by increased costs of operation due to a declining ex-During the years of which I have change, with the result that the net referred, abnormal factors have profits of the Bus Department are arisen tending to increase seriously practically about the same as the

Currency Reform Needed. While on the subject of exchange, which in this part of the world, is a factor, overshadowing all else in importance in the cal culations of the business man in all his transactions, especially in these difficult times, I feel sure that I am merely voicing the wishes and views of all business men that a currency of more stability and intrinsic value, and also less addicted to such violent fluctuations by the mere opera- p.m. tions or whims of irresponsible speculators outside the Colony's operative influence, should be 5.15 p.m. made available for the needs and requirements of all in the interests of trade and commerce of this imp rtant Colony.

But the many difficulties in the way are not to be overlooked, and the lifelong gratitude and thanks of all who have the Colony's welfare and interest at heart would be fully earned by the Commission of experts now studying this perplexing problem, if they could only find or evolve some reasonably satisfactory solution soon.

In conclusion, I hope and trust that the long period of stagnant and its end, and with our improved financial resources and position, a new era of more prosperity is also Yan-cheung. now about to dawn upon us.

"Get Out of Shanghai!" Mr. Frank Austin, whilst adding his expression of appreciation were one or two things he would like to mention in connection with the welfare of the Company. He had seen it grow from very small beginnings into a very big organisation. Hence he would like to suggest that it might be a good Mr. J. E. Joseph in seconding the thing for the company to concen-I feel confident that you will He thought that to run successful

"and concentrate entirely in Hong

Company if they are willing to put While on the other hand it must up a really up-to-date hotel on the

An Impression Corrected

able. Coupled with this fact, it study of the figures would perhaps must also be satisfactory to know show Mr. Austin that he need not Shrapnell-Smith (Cons.) ...12,357 that returns from the Northern be 'too' anxious to dispose of the port, during the first quarter of the Northern property. Of course, current year, record further im- any business firm was always open proved business over the cor- to receive offers. However, he would like at once to correct what seemed to be a prevailing impres-Bank interest, too, I feel sure we sion locally that the Hong Kong are all particularly pleased to note, Hotels were going to retire from

As regards the idea of an hotel pany's indebtedness, made possible on the Peak, the Directors had the by the receipt of funds representing matter under consideration, but he the purchase price of the Majestic thought the question would be better deferred until the banking ac-Under the existing conditions I count showed a credit balance,

> Mr. Austin asked what was the attitude of the Board to his suggestion with regard to hiring floor space in the Gloucester Building. The Chairman replied that he

Other Business. Sir Robert Ho Tung's appointment as a Director was confirmed. and Mr. E. M. Raymond was reelected to the Board on the motion of Mr. G. H. Potts, seconded by Ir. M. H. Lo.

Messrs, Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. J. Gould, seconded by the Hon. Mr. J. P.

Those Present. Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. J. Scott Harston, Allen Cameron, and E. M. Raymond (Directors) together with Mr. P.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments. To-day - King's 'Animal Crackers."

To - day - Qucen's Theatre; "Strictly Unconventional." Theatre; To-day — Central 'Laughing Lady." To-day - Majestic Theatre;

The Great Gabbo." To-day -- World Theatre; "Last Performance" and Your Man."

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Meeting. April 27-Court of University, 75 years. Miscellaneous. To-morrow-Lecture by Mr. B. G.

Birch, University, 5.30 p.m. Sports. See Sports Diary on Page 9.

Suckling (General Manager) and Mr. F. C. Barry (Secretary). Shareholders present were the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, F. Austin, T. Bagram, A. Brearley, R. Gordon, J. Gould, T. R. Parsons, G. H. Potts, P. J. Newman, A. W. Smith, C. E. White, W. E. Eps, A. Zimmern. M. Cario, .F. A. Joseph, J. E. Joseph, N. J. N. unsatisfactory business just referr- de Figueiredo, U. M. Omar, O. F. ed to by our Chairman is nearing Ribeiro, J. H. Ruttonjee, F. Silva,

> PALESTINE POLICY. EASTER HOLIDAYS PASS OFF QUIETLY.

> > AMICABLE TERMS.

Rugby, Yesterday. about the present - position in Palestine Dr. Drummond Shiels. trate their efforts in Hong. Kong. Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said that apart from isolated incidents-the Easter season-always a difficult time—had passed

Replying -to a supplementary ing so satisfactorily and clearly re- of their commitments in Shanghai question whether, since the pubviewed and explained from the and Peking." Mr. Austin added, lication of the Prime Minister's letter to Dr. Weizmann, the Government were in a position to get the Jews and Arabs together to discuss an amicable arrangement, Dr. Shiels indicated that the Government was taking steps with that object .- British Wireless Ser-

> HOME POLITICS. BY-ELECTION RESULT IN WOOLWICH.

LARGE MAJORITY.

London, Yesterday. The by-election at East Woolwich, due to the elevation of the Labour member, Mr. Snell, to the Peerage, resulted as follows:-

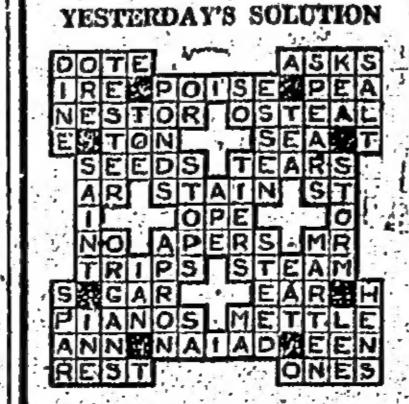
Majority ...... 3,843

SILVER PROBLEM. SENATOR PITTMAN TO VISIT CHINA.

TO STUDY CONDITIONS.

New York, Yesterday. Senator Pittman, Chairman of he Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announces that he is leavstudy the silver depression trade conditions with China.

A Committee directed by Senators Swanson and Shipstead will leave for Europe shortly to confer about the silver question .-- Reuter's American Service.



### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

wood and household furniture, 2.30 | TARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction April 23, 24 and 25-At Station to be held on MONDAY, the Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 20th day of April, 1931, at p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by To-morrow—Inward from Europe Order of His Excellency the Gov via Negapatam (Haruna Maru); ernor, of one Lot of Crown Land from Europe Via Siberia (Hakozaki at Tai Kok Tsui in the Colony by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of

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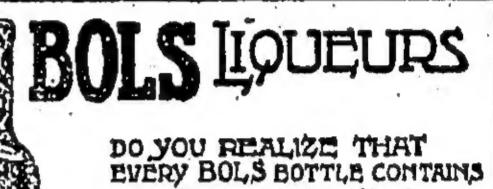
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G. C. GRANT'S IMPRESSIONS OF AUSTRALIA.

### BRADMAN PRAISED

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NOVEL SOUVENIR

Colombo for only a few hours yes- esting one. terday. In that short while I had the privilege of meeting him on lian and West Indian cricket, working on the plantations. writes "Onlooker" in The Ceylon

Grant who is only 24 years of age and a Cambridge cricket and soccer Blue is small of stature, but perfectly proportioned. With a very pleasant countenance he strikes you at once, when you see him, as an athlete. Rather nervous in his manner he displays a

temperament that denotes "action." "It was the greatest day in my cricketing career when we succeeded in beating Australia, the holders of the 'Ashes,' by 30 runs in the last Test match." Yet credit.

Interesting Souvenir.

Before I detail some of the conversation I had with Grant on the P. & O. Narkunda and later ashore I should like to say something about an interesting souvenir of the tour that he is carrying with him from Australia.

Grant is a strict teetotaller and a non-smoker. Lady Astor would find in him and several members of his team more proofs of her argument in favour of temperance.

I mentioned this to the West Indies Captain as we sat in the smoke-room of the Narkunda sipping Schweppe's ginger-ale. Suddenly he left me for a minute with an "Excuse me," rushed over to the man in charge of the bar and returned with a souvenir that of a wooden holder for ink-stands. heights. In the middle of the plaque is s miniature stand holding the ball down with expensive let-offs. But that was used in the last stages on the whole our fielding was of the First Test match in Austrawith a silver band and is inscrib- and became in turn our Test match ed with a record of that game. On one side of the wooden pedestal is the inscription-"Presented |lia and the West Indies."

names of the team inscribed on a deserved the title, ....

Ceylon, March 25. I silver plate. Australian wood G. C. Grant, captain of the first has been used in making the tenm of West Indian cricketers plaque for this souvenir which is ever to visit Australia, was in altogether a novel and most inter-

A Son of the Manse. I found out that Grant's grandboard and having a long chat with father, a Presbyterian Minister him about the recent tour, besides | had gone out a long while age discussing other matters relating from Scotland to Trinidad to serve to English, South African, Austra- as a missionary among the Indians

> G. C. Grant, like his father, was born in Trinidad and educated at a school on that Is-Before him, many years ago, two famous England captains, Lord Harris and "Plum" Warner, had been born in Trini-

Impressions of the Tour. "Were you satisfied with the results of your tour?" I asked the West Indies captain.

"Yes and No," was his reply. "We expected to do better against the States even if we did not hope to win the rubber. when I spoke to this charming may tell you that we were given young Briton I was most im- to understand that the wickets o pressed by his modesty. 'He would | Australia were faster than anycleverly evade questions referring thing we had ever played on to his own doings and side track This was not so. They were hardme to the performances of his ly faster than the fastest English men, to whom he gave all the wickets. With three such last bowlers on our side as Francis, Constantine and Griffith we could have done with faster pitches that

had more "fizz" in them. "Still we have reason to feel pleased with our doings on the whole seeing that the conditions were new to us. We beat Queensland, New South Wales and finally Australia."

Their Best Batsman. "Who was your most successful batsman?" I asked Grant.

"Headley, of course. He played well up to expectations, except during one spell early in the tour. The Australian critics were enthusiastic about him and his batting delighted the crowds and made them enthusiastic.

At times Constantine was brilliant, but he was not consistent. Wisden's in Australia had given There were others who batted him. This souvenir is in the form | well without rising to Headley's

"Our fieldsmen at times let us satisfactory. Barrow our second ia. The ball-is suitably mounted wicket keeper turned out trumps

Constantine the Great. "In Constantine we had the to G. C. Grant, captain of the best all round fieldsman in the West Indian cricket team by Wis- world. In the slips, in the gully, den's as a souvenir of the first in the covers, in the long field or Test ever played between Austra- wherever else he was placed he was magnificent. They called him On the roverse is a list of the "Constantine the Great" and he

# **COLOMBO**

"What did you think of Brad-

What could any one think of him after seeing him bat as he dld against us. To me he is the \$ world's greatest and most marvellous batsman. When he got his hundred you work still not sure you would get him out. Other batsmen grow careless after passing the century. Not so Bradman. He makes for the second hundred. We were always in fear of Bradman. He has the most amazing shots and what a temperament! As an out fieldsman I have never seen his equal."

Grimmett's Greatness. "Who were Australia's best bowlers?"

"Grimmett was as good as he ! had been in England and a thora in our side. Next to him Ironmonger was the best we met. He is, I think, better than Hornibrook. The bowling on the whole was never poor. The length was excellent and the bowlers were always trying their hardest. Of the new men I think Waite of South Australia is the best.

Of the younger batsmen Lonergan is easily the best. I think he | has a big future."

It may be remembered that Arthur Richardson also singled out Lonergan for special praise. "How did you like the Australian grounds and the crowds?"

Excellent Grounds. "I think they are hard to beat as far as grounds and stands are concerned. The crowds were very fair to us and we liked them. There were not the usual large crowds associated with England-Australia Tests, and I am sorry to say some money was lost on the tour. We were hoping on the contrary to make something out of this tour and use it for getting out coaches to the West Indies."

An Australian Admirer. "What do you think of the South Africans' prospects of success in Australia?"

"I shall not venture an answer to that. You see I have not 5 enough of experience of the South Africans to express an opinion | about them.

"I think, however, that after a rest of several months the Australians will be stronger than 5 ever when they next come to grips in the Tests. With Bradman, Grimmett, Woodfull, Ponsford, McCabe and Kippax available they have a very powerful backbone.

Grant discussed many other things relating to the game especially about English cricket, but | did not wish to express an opinion | on several debatable points.

"He is an optimist and thinks English cricket will soon be where t was-namely, on top.

Coached by Faulkner. Grant, I should add, was coached by the late G. A. Faulkner at ] his school.

He was emphatic about the use of the bat in off-side play and thinks that there are few finer. strokes than the cut-square or late—and the drive through the

### 1931 INTERPORT SWIMMING.

Financial Difficulties May Be Overcome.

LOCAL DECISION.

A meeting of the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association was held in the V.R.C. last night, when the following representatives of the various clubs were present:-

Mr. W. Logan (Chairman), Mr. J. Stewart (Hon. Secretary), Mr. E. Railton (Hon. Treesurer), Dr. D. Laing (V.R.C.), Mr. J A. Victor (V.R.C.), Lieut. Roper Caldbeck (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders), Mr. Wong Kam-ying (C.A.A.), Lieut. Wolfe Barry (R.A.), Commander Morris (Royal Navy), and .University representative.

On the proposition of Mr. Logan, seconded by Lieut, Roper Caldbeck, Mr. J. A. Victor was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary to take the place of Mr. J. Stewart who 2 will shortly be leaving the Colony. Commander Morris and Dr. D. Laing were elected representatives for the Royal Navy and civilians, respectively.

It was the ununimous decision ! of the meeting that every effort be made to send a side up to Shanghai for an interport contest and a Sub-Committee will be ap--pointed to discuss the financial side of the question. It is hoped to raise the necessary funda by holding Night Fetes and Interport trials and in this respect the V.R.C. will afford the Association every facility. The Chinese representatives have been asked to co-operate by holding, if possible, one on two night fetes at North

It was also proposed that, funds allowed, a team of ladies be sent up to compete for Interport honburs.



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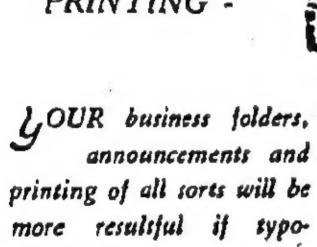
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### FINAL REPLAY

MOTHERWELL LOSE TO CELTIC.

RAPID SCORING SPECTACULAR SAVE IN GOAL.

London, Yesterday. At Hampden Park in fine weather before a crowd of 90,000 people, in the Scottish Cup final four goals to two. . Slow Start.

At Hampden Park the challenge to-day. It rained throughout the morning hut cleared up half an until next season. hour before the start. The pitch was in excellent condition.

scored with a doubtful shot, but the ball being fairly put into the the referee ignored Motherwell's scrummage."

Motherwell then attacked and Murdoch scored from a beautifully-placed corner from Ferrier. McGrory replied immediately for the Celtic. Bert Thompson quickly added a third. Half-time:-

> Celtic ..... 3 Motherwell ..... 1

Motherwell Attack. Motherwell attacked strongly on the resumption, but fouls on Bert Thomson spoiled the movements. John Thomson, in the Celtic's goal, put up a fine display, spec-

tacularly saving five shots in quick succession. Murdoch craftily beat the Celtic's defence, but the ball rebounded from a defender to McMenemy, who allowed it to pass to Stevenson, The latter seized his chance to beat Thomson with a splendid first timer from twenty yards low down, close to

the post. Celtic broke away four minutes before the whistle for McGrory to shoot into an empty net.

Other Matches. The results of League matches played at Home yesterday are as follows:---

Division I. 0 Birmingham Liverpool Division II. 0 West Brom. Reading Division III .- South. 6 Clapton O. Exeter Division III .- Northern.

Gateshead " 2 Stockport -Reuter. LOCAL LEAGUE.

Playing on the Sookunpoo ground yesterday in the First Playing at King's Park yesterday cial capital on July 20; it being on Division of the League the South afternoon the Jat Regiment XI. that date, 60 years ago, that the Wales Borderers defeated the defeated the Hong Kong Hockey Crown Colony of British Columbia Chinese Athletic by the only goal Club by four goals to nil after a was formally included in confederaof the match, scored by Duncan. | fairly fast game.

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### AMENDMENT OF THE RUGBY LAWS.

**Alterations Not in Force** As Yet.

SCRUMMAGE LAW.

Dr. A. D. Clinch (Ireland) presided over the meeeting of the International Rugby Board in Edinburgh, when laws 15 and 32 were discussed. Law 32, covering the taking of the ball over own goal line, was amended to read as: follows:-"If a defending player kick, pass, knock, or carry the replay Celtic beat Motherwell by ball back into his own in-goal, and if it be there made dead, except in the case where a try is obtained, the ball shall be brought back which Motherwell sensationally and scrummaged at the spot threw down to the redoubtable where it was kicked, passed, Celtic on Saturday was resumed knocked, or carried back." The alteration will not come into force

A sub-committee was appointed to deal with law 15, covering the Celtic won the toss and had the scrummage, with especial referadvantage of a stiff breeze. After ence to clause B. which reads: a slow half hour Bert Thomson | "No player shall wilfully prevent

### Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS - To-day-H.K.C.C. Tournament. CHESS - To-morrow-Kowloon Chess Club Junior Champlon-B. Soltau v. T. G. Stokes.

H. Bush v. M. Taquet. A. J. Biriukoff v. R. B. Jackson. Paul v. J. N. da Silva. FOOTBALL - Saturday-Sun-

day Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China; Division I.— Navy v. Recreio at the Stadium ground, Borderers . v. Police at Kowloon at 4.30 p.m.; Division II.—University v. Eastern on Club ground at 2.30 p.m. RACING — Saturday — Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Val-

LAWN BOWLS-May 2-Opening of League Season.

May 9-Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

HOME.

FOOTBALL - April 25-English Cup Final, Wembley.
GOLF - April 20-24 - English Amateur Championship.
April 25 and 26-Professional Tournament, Torquay.

April 27.-Army Championship,
Sandwich.

RACING-April 29-Two Thousand Guineas.

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The question of an ambulance service came up as the subject for general discussion at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club on April 14. The principal speaker was the Rev. E. G. Powell on the subject "Community Service" which, in the main, was a plea for more ambulances. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Inspector-General of Police) advanced the argument that there should be unified control. A full report of the debate is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The annual inspection of the H.K.V.D.C, was carried out on April 9 by the G.O.C. (Major-General Sandilands, D.S.O.) on Murray Parade Ground. Much correspondence on local Volunteering was a sequel, and the subject has also been dealt with in a leading article. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL carries a full report.

Taking the chair at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd., on April 15, Mr. J. Scott Harston foreshadowed the provision of facilities for bathing, on modern lines, at Repulse Bay. He said that in the event of modification of the terms of the Crown lease of the Company's rural property being obtained, it was intended to develop along lines which would provide the public with dressing and refreshment accommodation, as well as other amenities. A full report appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the University Law and Commerce Society held recently, the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice John R. Wood) said that lawyers were living in an interesting age. They were watching the beginning of the standardisation of law throughout the world. A detailed report of the speeches is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Facts appertaining to the alleged theft of a registered letter were disclosed by the Police in a case opened recently in the Central Police Court. Accused is an Hungarian, Harry Simon. A detailed account of the proceedings is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A pleasing ceremony was witnessed in the St. Andrew's Church Hall on April 13, when the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A., a past President, was presented with a Chinese Ivory chess set, from the members of the Kowloon Residents' Association. The presentation was made by Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., who paid high tribute to the work done by the recipient. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full report.

H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) officially opened the new Kowloon Union Church on April 10, in the presence of a large and representative gathering. A detailed account is furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

At the annual meeting of the Institute of Shipbuilding and Engineering, better prospects for the coming year were noted. A successful year's working was reported at the yearly meeting of the Philharmonic Society, whilst Mr. James Stewart was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Victoria Recreation Club. All these are chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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## CAR DESIGN.

Where Britain Leads and Fails.

Motoring Correspondent.

favourable to the introduction of new ideas, manufacturers in other countries seem more eager to adopt innovations in design and break away from the conventional. .

In America half a dozen of the leading makers have suddenly and ists want easier gear-changing, and that the free-wheel device is an amusing and attractive way satisfy them. In Germany the recent Berlin show has evinced a similar sudden and simultaneous Sir Dennis Burney does. move for change, this time in favour of front-wheel drive and independent wheel springing.

Here there has been nothing comparable. The only novelties Olympia were plethoric hubs and similar fads of fashion. There were fewer "unusual" cars shown than for many years. One might conclude that British manufacturers were clinging to the conventional design, too cautious to give inventiveness an innings. It is true that the past ten or twelve months have fine roads the existing system of seen the adaptation of the hydraulic clutch to the car chassis and of stream-lining to its body, ideas of first-rate importance but isolated instances of enterprise.

Generally the industry seems to be satisfied with the car as it is and to seek improvement only in

Of course, the novelties of America and Germany are not really new. The free wheel was given a good trial in this country a couple of

years ago; in fact, it was, I believe, first developed in Britain, and if we failed to appreciate its virtues the makers are not to blame. Germany's Move.

Germany's experiments are more By A. G. Throssell, Daily Telegraph interesting. Front-wheel drive we have known of for years, thanks to Are we contributing our share to the courage of one firm which exthe improvement of motor-car de- perimented with and exploited this sign, to the process of developing form of transmission; but it was the ideal car? Although a period mainly for racing and a far from of acute depression is scarcely cheap car. Germany seems to be developing the front drive for the sake of economy as much as for its mechanical advantages, such as they are. Of three front-wheel drives at Berlin two were on cars of decidedly popular price - a two-cylinder two-stroke costing £85, and simultaneously decided that motor- otherwise conventional "four" costing £180. But if we are to give up the normal arrangement of engine and driving axle the weight of the argument, theoretical and practical, seems much in favour of moving the engine to the rear, as

> About the advantages of independently sprung wheels there is no dispute, and here I think British car-makers have laid themselves open to a charge of neglect. Firms have experimented; but, in spite of better. the example of a world-famous Italian car, which has established the complete success and reliability front wheels independently sprung, nothing of the sort has hitherto been produced.

The usual excuse is that for our resilient leaf springs with shock absorbers to limit their action may be old-fashioned, may be wasteful, may be unequal to really rough going, but is good enough.

Now that we are seriously trying to sell our cars abroad it is no longer good enough. For South Africa, South America, and other parts where ruts and potholes supply most of the road surfaces, a car with wheels that can independently accommodate themselves to the bumps and hollows would have huge pull over its competitors. looks unfortunately as if we shall not be the first, or even the second. in the field with a cheap and satisfactory system. The Americans are experimenting and hard Germans, are small producing cars BB with sliding roof sells at £135.

ing shafts, and the front wheels are develops excessive petrol springs.

costs £575, and a "six" on a similar buretter at once, it is rarely chassis is to cost £475; but I am blameworthy, and it is advisable on British roads the gain in miles told that independent suspension is when investigating fuel wastage per hour is actually not of much no more costly than the ordinary to postpone experimenting with importance. The power that can system. Its superiority is beyond this instrument. dispute.

### IS LAYING-UP ECONOMICAL?

and recreation (says the Mel- there is no leakage from bourne Herald).

considered the interest on the is higher than it should be. total. If this country could recapcapital cost of the car, continued An engine will go a long time ture but a quarter of the total, market price depreciation while without being cleaned of carbon, production would be doubled, twice laid up, and the actual deprecia- but if it is desired to keep the the number of men would be em-

for the periods the car is laid up. valves affects the quantity of way.

### ON THE ROAD.

### The Humber Snipe.

are nearly always right.

Snipe, when introduced in the sandths of an inch when the en- intercity cruising speeds. The tour Autumn of 1929. It immediately gine is hot. created a new standard in car Misfiring will cause an increase New York, and return, with several the extra £3 or £4 tax.

with an open-air intake there is now | the result that the ignition tim- | tiated this lap in 3 hours, 50 mina downdraught carburettor with an ing may be late, never being fully utes, in spite of the adverse wind, airfilter and hot spot. As a result advanced. Late ignition will at a rate of 105 miles per hour. the engine is protected from dust overheat the engine and also be On the home flight to Detroit from and road grit, as one built for ex- the cause of more fuel than Cleveland the same day, the plane is ready to pull very soon after sumption to increase. It is not per hour. being started up on a cold morning; often nowadays that one experi- On two other occasions, the plane and its response to the throttle ences a slipping clutch, but slip averaged 138 miles an hour or betpedal is of that hair-trigger sensi- will take place when the lining ter on long jumps. One was the tiveness which doubles the pleasure wears to the extent where the

central and American in style, and clear of the drums when the hand that almost every other control is or foot levers are in the off posiare better-just as powerful but greater effort from the engine to smoother in action—the steering is propel it. All the foregoing refor a British car exceptionally low- marks apply to an engine-which geared and almost too light.

### Faults and Their Remedies.

which is the German Austin Seven, for consuming too much fuel. Motor. There are even a few gait, while fuel consumption averhas now no front axle. And Ger- There are engines which "eat" standard sports cars which really aged 65 gallons per hour. many, hitherto negligible as a car- petrol in spite of carburation be- look fast whatever their capacity The standard 5AT transport, producing country, is now ahead of ing as good as it can be. Such in speed may be. Generally speak- without the high speed equipment, us, not merely in these points of engines are defective either in ing, however, the enthusiast who has been rated as having a high novel design, but in cheap produc- design or workmanship, and notion. The new Opel, Germany's thing that the user can do by adpopular car, is a six-cylinder of justment will reduce their appeabout 15 h.p., which as a saloon tite for petrol. This type of engine, however, is rarely met with But Britain is waking up. I to-day, and in nine cases out of built specially. was shown the new 8-cylinder ten heavy fuel consumption can Hampton. It is a low-built sport- be reduced to a reasonable quaning car of only 17.8 h.p., and its tity by correct adjustments. great feature is that all four road There are instances in which an wheels are independently suspended, engine in good running condition It is rear-driven with pivoting driv- gradually, or it may be suddenly, "Golden Arrow" and the "Blue miles an hour. Several days later, at either end of double transverse sumption. The causes for this are several, and though there is The car, with a fine saloon body, a tendency to suspect the car-

The first step is to ensure that are reasonably accurate. It is at 60 m.p.h. Fully 86 b.h.p. of not sufficient to assume that there this power is necessary to over-Interviews with motorists who are, say, 10 gallons of petrol in have laid up their cars have dis. the tank unless that quantity has closed, after due consideration, been seen poured in, or knowing that what they were told they the capacity of the tank, actualwould gain in theoretical savings ly seeing it full. The next step as regards wear and tear was is to ascertain whether any fuel b.h.p. At higher speeds the differwrong, as more money was spent can escape before reaching the on alternative methods of travel carburetter by making certain One motorist who laid up his the float chamber feed-valve to ing streamlined cars for ordinary unions, taps, and filters. car, due to the popular cry of see that the fuel supply is cut off use is the pleasing appearance ob-"stop motoring," found that he when the correct level is reached. had actually expended nearly £8 To do this, cause the needle to ad- fast Continental touring it has its in the month more than in the mit petrol to the float chamber previous month when he was until the correct level is slightly operating his car, and it was not exceeded. Petrol will then run possible to calculate in values his out of the jet and drip from the losses through waste of time. carburetter body. These drips Before laying up your car "for should quickly become less freeconomy's sake" figure out quent and finally cease, showing managing director of Riley (Covenwhether the move actually will that the needle valve has seated. try) Ltd., in the course of his save money and remember that Having carried out these tests speech at the recent shareholders' the average car carries five per and found no leakage, it may be meeting, said that whereas our sons for the same cost as it car- assumed that some function of overseas possessions annually took the engine is not being performed some 600,000 cars, Great Britain While laid up there is to be correctly if the fuel consumption supplied only 10 per cent, of this

tion (deterioration) of tyres, the petrol bill as small as possible the ployed and still lower prices would battery, and other parts. valves should be ground to their prevail in the home market. He Also the registration fees and seats every two or three thou- pointed out that the small car was insurance usually have been paid, sand miles covered. The timing coming into its own, and in this and these represent lost money of the opening and closing of the market Britain had always led the

fuel used, therefore the tappets should be inspected to see that there is a gap between the bottappet head when the valve is closed and the engine hot.

striking novelty of design or un- will not seat properly, and, of ment for the reduction of head conventional feature, proves a course, will not be gas-tight. The resistance, has just completed a winner from the very start. At result of both these defective 1,704-mile tour at an average speed once you hear on all sides that it is tappet adjustments will be that of 128 miles per hour. Government a wonderful performer of amazing more petrol will be used to cover officials at Washington participated value for the price, and these swift a given mileage than would be in part of the tests of the plane verdicts, so curlously unanimous, the case if the valves were in which gives indications of ability good order. The gap should be to greatly accelerate scheduled air Such a car was the Humber between two and three thou- line travel by permitting increased

values, and, what is more, it set a in petrol consumption. Intermit side trips. fashion. Because of the success of tent missiring is not always easy The fastest leg of the tour was the Snipe the medium-powered Bri- to detect; a defective plug may flight between Langley Field, Virtish car has been given three or spark in small throttle opening ginia, and Washington, D.C., a disfour more horse-power, with effects conditions, but may fail to func- tance of 135 miles. With Major on the performance for outweighing tion with the higher compression Hugh J. Knerr, commanding officer

obtained with a wide open throt- of the Second Bombardment Group, Eighteen months' experience in the. Plug points burn away at the controls, the plane carrying the hands of the public has shown slowly, and therefore the gap re- n pilot, nine passengers and conthe desirability of only minor modi- quires occasional adjustment. siderable baggage, covered this lap fications. The 1931 Snipe in all its The length of the spark gap has in 55 minutes, at the rate of 148 main features is identical with its some bearing on fuel consump- miles, per hour. The slowest leg predecessor, but one of the changes tion. Sometimes the ignition ad- was the 404 mile jump from has quite definitely made a good car vance and retard lever does not Newark, N.J., to Cleveland over the move the contact breaker Alleghany mountains against a Instead of a plain carburettor through its full movement, with strong head wind. The plane negoport should be; it has got rid of the necessary being used. Clutch slip, covered the 115 mile lap in 50 former air hiss at high speeds; it of course, will cause fuel con- minutes, at the rate of 138 miles rivets project. Badly adjusted The most noticeable other altera- brakes are also a cause of fue tion is that the gear-lever is now wastage. If the shoes are not on the steering wheel. The brakes tion, the vehicle will require a

### FULL STREAM-LINED CARS.

has been economical in fuel con-

sumption, but has gradually or

suddenly become extravagant.

as big expensive ones with indepenas big expensive ones with indepena petrol engine is unjustly blamed gaining popularity, remarks The engines was 1,700 r.p.m., a normal coach-work reduced to the nth greatly in excess of the average degree, and insists on multicoats speed recorded on the recent tour, of paint and varnish to reduce skin and a cruising speed of 112 miles friction, has got to have the body per hour.

motorists are now greatly interest- to Dayton and Washington. From ed in fully streamlined cars, an the latter city an 80 mile round trip incentive to which has been given was made to Baltimore and return by record-breakers' cars like the in 40 minutes, at a rate of 120 Bird." One or two have been built, the plane cruised to Langley Field, and others are now in course of via Louisa and Richmond, covering construction.

At the moderate speeds possible A roomy saloon car requires, in round figures, 50 b.h.p. to drive it come wind resistance. If the resistance could be halved, which is quite feasible by scientific streamlining, the total power required at 60 m.p.h. would be reduced to 82 sistance increases with the square of the speed. No doubt the chief incentive in designing and build-

### BRITISH CARS OVERSEAS.

Mr. Victor Riley, chairman and

### 1,704 MILES.

## Plane.

Every now and then there ap- there is no gap when the cam is A Ford trimotor transport plane, pears a new car which, without any at its lowest position the valve fitted with new high-speed equipwas from Detroit to Washington,

outbound flight between Dayton, O., and Washington, via Vandalia, Pa., and Cumberland, Md., when the plane covered 405 miles in 2 hours and 55 minutes, at a rate of 138 miles per hour. A 78 mile jump between Camden, N.J., and Newark was covered in 31 minutes, at a rate of 140 miles per hour.

The plane which made this record is a standard Ford 5AT trimotor powered with Wasp engines. It was fitted with the new high-speed equipment comprising refinements in fuselage design as well as engine ring cowlings, all aimed at the reduction of head resistance to permit Slowly but surely the cult of the greater speed in flight. During the

wants the aero-dynamics of his speed of 135 miles an hour, not

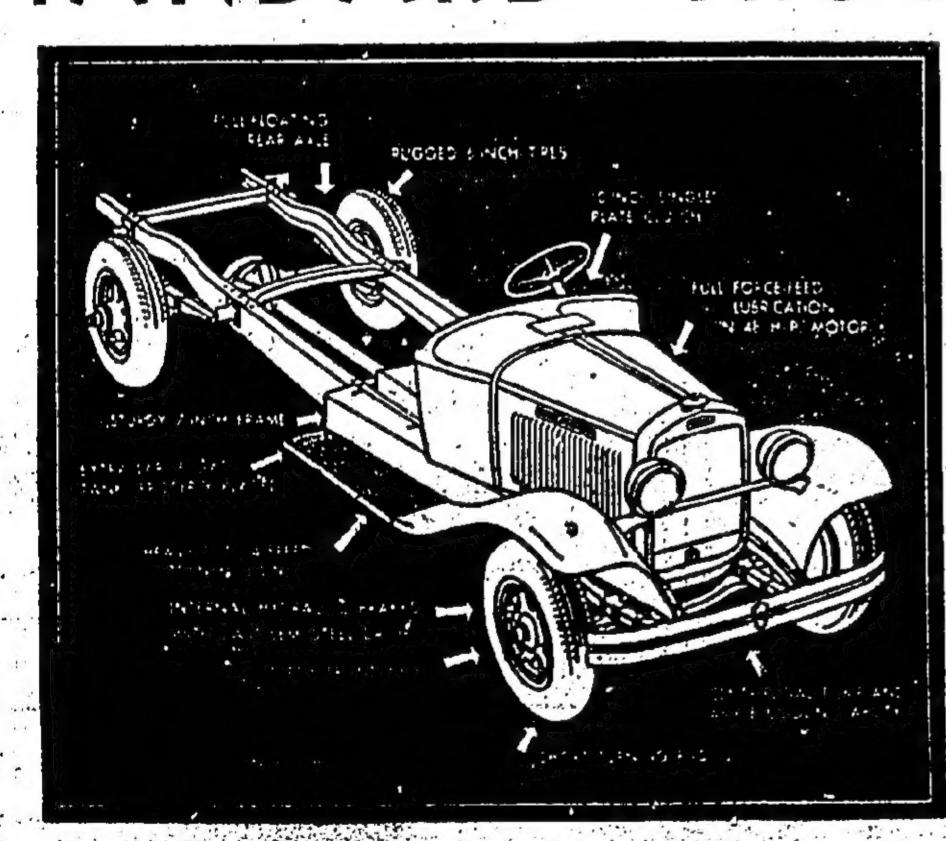
The tour started at Ford airport, A number of enthusiastic Dearborn, Mich., carrying the party 190 miles in 1 hour, 48 minutes, at the rate of 111 miles an hour. The party then returned to Detroit, via Camden, Newark and Cleveland.

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lighting system of the modern fuse or the filaments of the automobile is as reliable as most lamps 'blowing." Should this other things about the car, so happen, the cause of the trouble that very little trouble is likely should be found first, and to be experienced if a certain medied, and the fuse or amount of attention is devoted to lamps replaced. If it should hapits upkeep.

lighting troubles arise from too such as is used for chocolate large a load, caused by the use wrappers, should be wrapped of too many accessories or by the | round the old fuse body and the use of larger lamps than are really necessary. To ensure reliable ighting, the total current taken by all the lamps should not equal the output of the generator, so that a small surplus is shown on the 'charge" side of the ammeter. Using higher candlepower lamps than the normal is likely to cause a discharge of several amperes from the battery, and if it should happen that this is in a state of poor charge, due to excessive starter use or old age, the lighting will drain the battery in the fuse in the generator having between the lamp terminal block a short time, and the light given by the lamps will not be nearly the cut-out being badly pitted or holder. as good as would be the case if | burned. Another trouble, that the normal lights had been used. of the charging rate falling well Modern headlights are so designed that a brilliant driving instead of receiving, say, light is obtained from a minimum of candlepower, and the use of larger lamps than those supplied by the maker will simply waste current without creating a better driving light.

night driving should make a point of going over the lighting system occasionally with the object of both cleaning it and finding the location of the vulnerable points in its circuit. The fuses particularly should be found, and their positions memorised. (Usually there is one under the dash and one in the generator itself, but the actual positions may be found from the

to be followed by the extinction | that of the plates, adding distill-

Taking it by and large, the lof all the lights, due to either the pen that no spare fuses are avail-Apart from neglect, most able, a piece of tin or lead foil fuse inserted in the clips. type of repair is quite safe, and will last for some time.

The Ammeter. The ammeter is a valuable guide to the efficiency, or otherwise, of the lighting equipment. Suppose, for example, when al the lights are switched on and spring contact plunger having the generator is running normally, the ammeter shows a heavy discharge, the inference is tha the generator is not charging; and this is probably caused by blown, or to the contact points in below normal so that the battery amperes is getting only four or five, is usually caused by a dirty commutator or by worn-out brushes. Either of these causes is very harmful in that sparking is produced at the brushes Owners of cars who do a lot of causing rapid deterioration of the commutator and brush gear. The cover plate should be re moved from the generator every 5,000 miles, and the commutator and brush gear cleaned with

The Battery. There are two main factors that should be kept in mind as regards the lighting - that the generator is delivering its proper output and that the battery illustration in the instruction is always well charged, but not overcharged for any considerable Sudden excessive brilliance of period (on long runs it is good the lights indicates that the bat- practice to keep the lights burntery has become disconnected, ing, to reduce the rate of charge or partially so, at some point in of the battery). Keep the electhe circuit. This effect is likely trolyte (the acid) level above

rag moistened with petrol.

ed water if the level gets low. Once a month check the level of the solution and at the same time examine the battery connections, making sure that they are tight and free from corrosion. If the lighting circuit is of the frame return or one wire type, see that the copper strap that connects one terminal of the battery to the frame is in good order.

Poor Contact. Poor lights may be caused by old and blackened lamps, and if this is the cause they should be renewed. Another reason is that the generator may not have been giving its proper output and the consequent discharge of the battery has run it down, or, again, the terminals in the lamp socket itself may have become dirty, so creating added resistance to the line. If any of the lights should be jumpy a bad be suspectmay It may occur in the lamp holder, due to the struck, or it may be an ill-fitting lamp that is making poor contact. Another cause may be a broken wire inside the insulation. A test for this can be made with a new piece of wire connected and the connection in the lamp

Correct Lamps. Another cause of poor lighting is bad focusing. If the lamp is out of focus a black spot will appear in what would otherwise be the centre of the beam. This not only causes discomfort to the driver but is a nuisance to other drivers, because the glare from such a lamp is excessive.

In order to prevent troubles of this kind it is good policy to get exactly the same type and powered bulb when replacements become necessary. In any case, the focus of the headlights should be tested before the car is taken on the road. The time taken for this job is, at the most, five minutes, and it may be the means of avoiding a bad accident. Nothing is so important in night driving as good lights, and as very little time need be devoted to keeping the lighting equipment at its best there is no reason why every motorist should not enjoy the feeling of safety that good lights give.

### QUERIES ANSWERED.

W.B.M.—Is it likely that an ad- due to the oil. Is this right, and justment of the gap in the plugs how may I overcome this difficulty? could have any effect on petrol con- Should there be some mechanism to had been running the car with the while it is out of engagement? to the plug gaps? My car is a six commended by the manufacturers. little difference.

follows:-The six cylinder engine is be a marked tendency for the plates so smooth in its running that an to stick, and, consequently, for the occasional miss, which would pro- clutch to spin. If you are using bably be caused by too large a gap, the correct grade of oil you might would pass unnoticed. This miss try flushing out the clutch housing. would naturally have an adverse There is a drain plug located under effect on the petrol consumption. this housing by means of which it sumption.

method of removing the starter- washing this mixture out with clean generator from a 1923 Dodge car? engine oil. Allow both washes to the driving chain apart. This can the clutch housing, through the be done by turning the engine over clutch cover hole, with clean engine slowly by hand while you watch the oil of the correct grade. Replace chain until you can see the place the cover plate, and then fill the where a small wire, something like engine sump to its correct level. a cotter pin, is used at one side of Attention to this detail should corthe chain. You will find that this rect your trouble, as normally the wire goes through two of the pins. Morris clutch is very sweet, en-After you have removed this wire it gagements, as a rule, being very is advisable to take another wire easy. No clutch stop is fitted to the and run it through the portion of Morris clutch, and as the engine is the chain above the sprocket, and of the high speed type, it is essenthen use another piece of wire, and tial to pause for a while in neutral run it through the chain below the when changing up. sprocket. This will hold the two ends of the chain. You can now C.W.H .- "Just recently I purremove the link which holds the two chased a Morris Cowley which is ends of the chain together, and fitted with four-wheel internal exafter the chain has been taken apart panding brakes. These are quite you can readily remove the starter- satisfactory except that when I

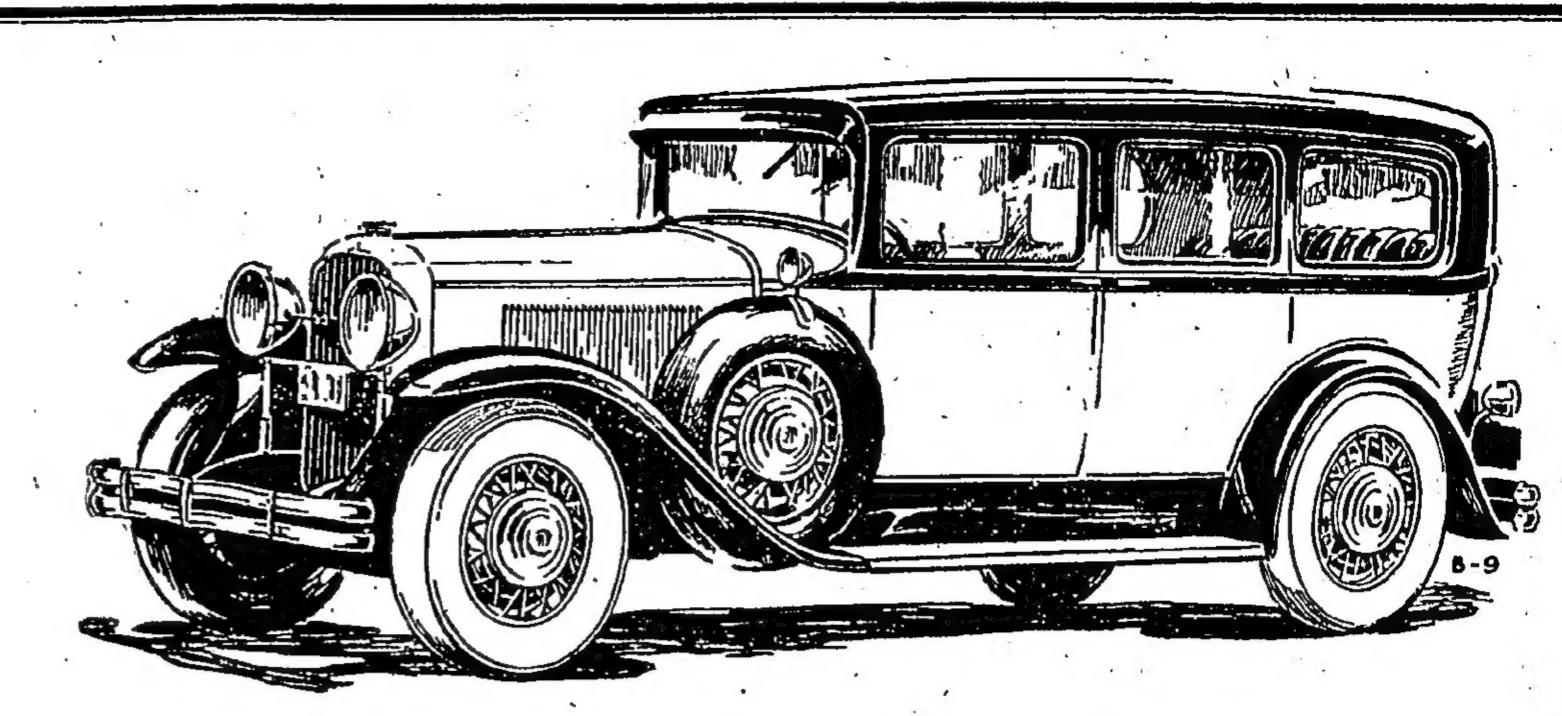
regarding a Morris Cowley car on would cure the trouble, but this has which I would like some informa- had no effect. Is there any way of tion. This is a 1928 model (11.9 stopping this trouble?" h.p.), and for some time I have been The method that is used on later. caused by an over-spinning clutch, Ex.

sumption? Recently I found that I prevent the clutch from spinning plug gaps too wide, and after ad- It is possible that your trouble is justing them was surprised to caused by the use of too heavy an notice that the petrol consumption oil or that you have not been changwas much better. Could this be due ing the oil with the frequency recylinder Pontiac. So far as actual As you know, the clutch plates are running is concerned I noticed very of the cork insert type, and run immersed in a bath of engine oil, Ordinarily, so long as the plug this oil finding its way in from a fires, the size of the gap should not passage through from the crankmake any difference to the petrol case. If the oil is too heavy, or is consumption; it is possible that allowed to run so long in the engine what happened in your case is as that it becomes gummy, there will

When the gaps were adjusted to is possible to drain off the clutch their correct opening the trouble oil. Drain this off while the engine would probably be overcome, with a is hot, and preferably when you are consequent improvement in the con- changing the engine oil. Remove the cover plate from the top of the clutch housing, and flush the clutch G.R.G.-What is the casiest with a mixture of kerosene and oil, The first thing to do is to take completely drain out, and then fill

apply the brakes there is a bad squeal. I have tried binding the L.J.M.—There is a little matter drums, having been told that this

having trouble while changing models of the Morris is to bolt a gears. As a matter of fact, the tight-fitting steel band around the gears clash while changing into any brake drum. This dampens out the speed position, particularly first vibrations (which cause the speed. The clutch stop adjustment squeal), and is effective as long as is adjusted to let the clutch springs the brake lining is in good order. be compressed to their utmost when If the binding you have installed is the clutch pedal is depressed, that a good tight job; the Atrouble is is, until the pedal cannot be de probably with the brake linings. pressed any furthero in spite of These are possibly worn so that the this I usually clash the gears. One rivets are exposed, and these comthing I might say is that if I pause ing into contact with the drum for rather a long period in neutral would cause a bad squeal. Check up before changing up I may get a for this condition and either drive allent change, but not always. I the rivet heads below the surface of have an idea that this trouble is the lining or instal new linings -



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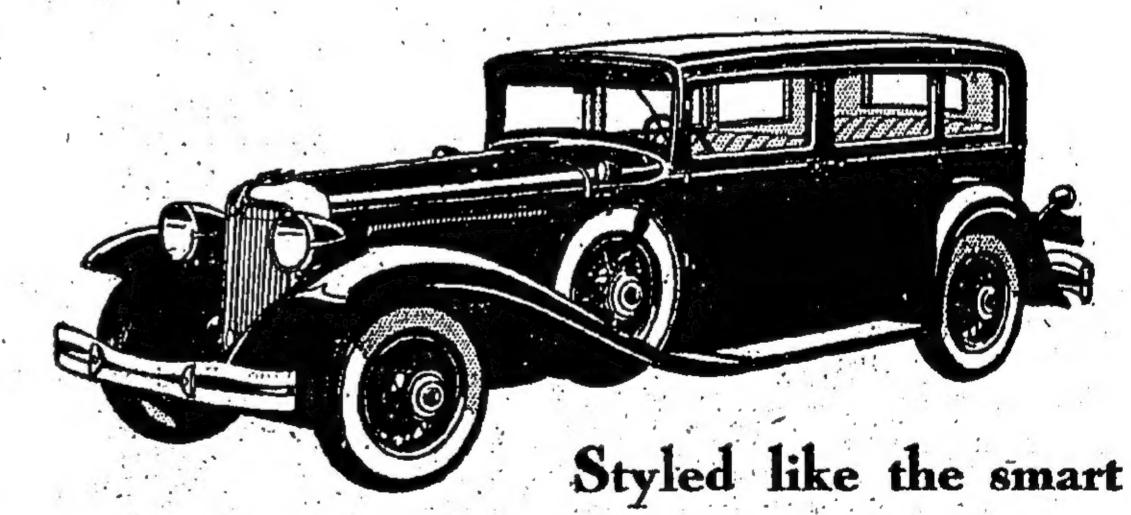
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### HONG' KONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1931.

### HAVE LOST LOVE OF MY PEOPLE."

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Replying to a query as what pain would do in connection with the Italo-Spanish Treaty, which i ed, for the Queen and her chilhad caused such heart burnings dren unobtrusively boarded a train in France, Senor Prieto snapped: Denounce it immediately!

The Foreign Minister, Senor erroux, interviewed, affirmed the Republicans' ability to avoid King and Queen. A number of dismemberment of the country or | Court dignitaries were aboard the slipping toward the extreme Left.

Earlier News.

Madrid, Yesterday. Alfonso sailed before dawn aboard the cruiser Principe Alfonso, it is believed for Bri-

### Sad Procession.

While Cartagena was sleeping, at 4 o'clock in the morning a procession of five cars entered the city and hurried to the naval shipyard. It was a sad procession, which seven hours earlier stealthily left Madrid to snuggle the King out of his country. Two companies of bluejackets drawn up at the quayside saluted the King, and after a few handshakes Alfonso walked smartly up the gangway aboard the Principe Alfonso.

There was a touching scene as he stepped on deck. Two naval officers sprang to attention and shouted, "Long live the King!" "Long live Spain," Alfonso replied, raising his hat.

His words were eloquent of the patriotic motives which led him to sacrifice his crown.

"Sire, I am sorry," came from the quivering lips of the Captain. General as he stretched out his hand in farewell. "I am only being true to my traditions," replied Alfonso. That was the end. Alfonso was quickly conducted

to his cabin, the anchor was weighed, and the dark shape of the cruiser slowly disappeared.

### Bidding Good-bye. The King left behind a mani-

festo with instructions not to publish it until he left Spain. There was a very moving scene as Alfonso left the palace en route to Cartagena. The King Britain the capital was deliriousturned to his entourage and ly celebrating the advent of a said, "I depart with a quiet con- Republic. Yelling bands of youths science." Alfonso at that mo- of both sexes in holiday mood ment appeared on the verge of a were wearing the red, gold and breakdown, and was unable to purple tricolour, and dancing in finish his last words.

them containing a sergeant of the for their rarity. Civil Guard and seven men fully armed, waited outside the palace.

Alfonso then embraced and bade farewell to the Queen and members of his family. As he left the chamber, the halberdiers saluted and the officers cried "Long live the King!" Alfonso displaying no emotion, entered the lift, saying only "Long live Spain."

Many spectators of his departure were in tears. The King recommended "calm and tranquillity." He left the palace and took his seat alone in one of the waiting cars, and the cortege hurried off.

The Government had detailed a special detachment of the Civil Guard, wearing red brassards, to patrol the neighbourhood of the palace all night long, in order that popular demonstrations of joy would not offend the susceptibilities of the Queen and her children before their departure There was no sign of disturbance. in the morning.

No Formal Abdication? learned that he has not formally | trouble.—Reuter. abdicated, and did not sign any document before his departure.

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### Queen's Farewell.

The Queen and her daughters have left for Irun.

A huge concourse assembled at 'the Central Station at Madrid this morning, to witness the departure of the Queen and her daughters. They were disappointfor France at a wayside station. The train was driven by the Duke of Saragossa, who always acted as engine-driver for train, accompanying the Royal family on its exile.

### Touching Scenes.

Jaime and Gonzalo, and the Prince ticularly the Moroccan question. of Asturias.

The party's motor-cars were drawn up in the roadway near the station an hour before the train steamed in. On arrival at the station the Queen was greeted by members of the late Government and a number of aristocrats. Ladies, overcome with emotion, surrounded the Royal family and flung their arms round the Queen and her children. The Prince of Asturias, who is suffering from a distressing malady, was carried to the train in the arms of attendants.

### Infante Juan at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Yesterday. Alfonso's son, the Infante Juan, who is a naval cadet at Cadiz, arrived here from Cadiz to-day aboard a Spanish destroyer and went to the Hotel Bristol.

The Infante Juan subsequently. went to Government House on the invitation of the British Commander-in-Chief.

### In Gay Madrid.

Madrid, Yesterday. While Alfonso was leaving for the streets, unmolested by the A cortege of five cars, one of police who were only noticeable

> Central Station, where an enormous crowd was hoping for the man hero of the Quatrovientos aerodrome revolt. When the exline waving flags. The crowd climbed the steps and roofs of the carriages, and eventually the train was able to proceed slowly

along the line, to the station. All were most disappointed when their reception committee, which entered the train, reported | George stayed during his illness. that Franco was absent.

Outside the station, in warm Spring sunshine, girls and buxom senoritas joined hands and danced round the Republican flags, or climbed on every passing vehicles Passengers in the express, in-

cluding a number of Spanish Though Alfonso has left the titled people were allowed to pass country, it is authoritatively through the dense crowds without National Festival.

To-day was declared a national |-Reuter.

festival. A proclamation, by the new Government says:

"The Provisional Government of the Republic has taken over power without formality and without, resistance. It assumes the headship of the State with the express assent of triumphant political forces, registered by popular vote at the elections. Interpreting the unhesitating desire of the nation, the committee of public forces, whose conlition has been established to inaugurate the new regime, designates Alcara Zamora to the Presidency of the Provisional Government of the Republic." A Worthy Head.

Zamora, who is head of the new Government of Spain, has twice been a Minister of the Crown, and Tears streamed from the face is the only ex-Minister to abjure of the Duke of Saragossa, the the monarchy and become a Renobleman driver of the Spanish publican. By his conversion, the Royal trains, as he opened the Republican ranks have gained one throttle of the engine of the train of their eleverest adherents. He conveying the Queen and her | was the mainspring of the Decemfamily to the frontier. The ber rising, after which for six party, which boarded the train at | months he conducted the Repub-Escurial station, a few miles lican business from prison. He is north-west of the capital, includ- one of the greatest orators in ed the Queen and her daughters Spain and one of the best inform-Beatrice and Christina, her sons ed men on military questions, par-Hendaye, Yesterday.

> The train from Paris bringing the exiled Spanish revolutionary leaders, including Senor Prieto, Minister of Finance in the Republican Government, had a frenzied welcome at the frontier station. The crowd were disappointed at not seeing the airman Major Franco, who, with General Deliano, is returning to-morrow. Barcelona, Yesterday.

The city was en fete to-day, in spite of a general strike and the proclamation of martial law, following serious incidents last; night reminiscent of the French revolution. A crowd of thousands besieged the jail, demanding the release of political prisoners, not aware that an order for their release had already been given.

The crowd tried to set fire to and storm the prison, and the Governor in order to avoid bloodshed released all the prisoners, including crimin-

Similar scenes occurred at the women's prison, where the fingerprint department was destroyed.

High-Handed Action. Several deaths are reported subsequent atreet fighting, the

cause of which is unknown. The police fired on a crowd at-

tacking a police depot.

The National Confederation of Labour has proclaimed a twentyfour hours general strike in orreaction." Armed peasants have been holding up all vehicles in the The centre of interest was the district, only allowing Republican

supporters to pass. Col. Macia, the provisional arrival of Major Franco, the air- | President of the Republic of Catalonia, has issued a declaration that he has assumed office propress from Paris was two miles visionally, under Zamora as head from the terminus, it was held up of the federated Spanish Republic, by hundreds of red-bonneted and the Catalonian Republic will be youths and girls standing on the an integral state within the Spanish federation.

London, Yesterday. Alfonso will be assured of welcome in Britain if he cares to through the masses of people come, judging by sympathetic as surance in London newspapers, suggesting suitable residences like Craigwell House, where King

Prince's Visit Unlikely. A message from Bahia (Brazil) states that the news of the abdication has caused a sensation among passengers on the Arlanza, on which the Prince of Wales and Prince George are returning after their South American tour. Their homeward itinerary included a descent at the Madrid aerodrome to enable the Princes to see Alfonso. This section of the programme will probably be cancelled.

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